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# *Introduction*

*The Labor Market Information Unit of the  
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**State of the State – Statistical Profiles of Rhode Island’s Cities and Towns**

During the past fifteen years, Rhode Island and its people have experienced significant social and economic change. From Burrillville to Block Island, from Woonsocket to Westerly, recent demographic and employment trends have impacted the lives of all Rhode Islanders. Incorporating information collected by the United States Department of Commerce and the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, **State of the State** depicts demographic changes that occurred during the final decade of the twentieth century and recent employment trends impacting our local economies.

Population diversity based on age, sex, race, and ethnicity, as well as educational attainment, labor force statistics, and English language proficiency\* of local residents, is encapsulated in statistical profiles for each of Rhode Island’s thirty-nine communities. An overview of local private sector employment by industry sector is also provided on a city and town basis.

**State of the State** shows how Rhode Island continues to evolve through population diversity, educational attainment, and employment trends.

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\* English language proficiency, or the ability to “Speak English” – Under our definition, an individual is considered to be proficient in the English language if the “Language Spoken at Home” is English, or if in addition to a native language spoken at home, the individual speaks English “well” or “very well.”

# Overview:

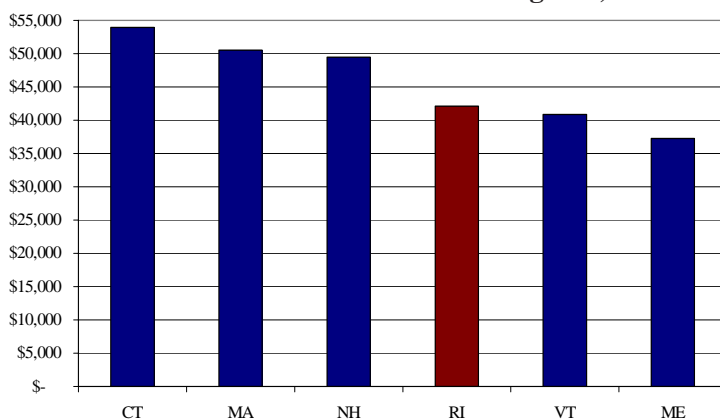
Rhode Island, located in southeastern New England, is a desirable location for residence, business and relaxation. Narragansett Bay serves as a natural gateway to the Atlantic, providing employers with convenient access to the eastern seaboard and ports around the world. With miles of sandy beaches, picturesque rocky shoreline, and history around every corner, the Ocean State is a popular vacation spot for travelers near and far. Its rich, diverse culture is reflected in the eclectic mix of shops and restaurants scattered throughout Rhode Island's many neighborhoods and villages. A growing economy, diverse citizenry, and revitalized culture continues to make Rhode Island a delightful place for people to live and work.

Rhode Island's population continued to grow and diversify between 1990 and 2000 with the addition of 44,855 residents (+4.5%). Large numeric gains occurred among the Black/African American (+8,047) and Asian & Pacific Islander (+5,907) groups. The White population was the only racial group to decrease in size during the ten-year period. Their share of the total population fell from 91.4 percent in 1990 to 85.0 percent in 2000.

In terms of ethnicity, the Hispanic/Latino community, which spans multiple racial groups, nearly doubled in size during this period and accounted for 8.7 percent of all Rhode Islanders in 2000. Of the Ocean State's 90,820 Hispanic/Latino residents, 28.0 percent were Puerto Rican, 6.5 percent Mexican, and 1.2 percent Cuban.

On a community basis, the largest numerical gain in population occurred in Providence (+12,890), followed by South Kingstown (+3,290), Cranston (+3,209), and Lincoln (+2,853). On a percentage basis, West Greenwich (+45.6%), Richmond (+35.0%), and Charlestown (+21.3%) reported the largest population increases. Seven communities experienced a decline in population during this period, including Middletown (-2,126), Newport (-1,752), and East Providence (-1,692).

**Median Household Income in New England, 1999**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>1,003,464</b>	<b>1,048,319</b>
Male	481,496	503,635
Female	521,968	544,684
16 years +	801,625	827,797
25 years +	657,416	693,890
65 years +	150,547	152,402
White	917,375	891,191
Black/African American	38,861	46,908
American Indian & Alaskan Native	4,071	5,121
Asian & Pacific Islander	18,325	24,232
Some other race	24,832	52,616
Two or more races	-	28,251
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	45,752	90,820
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>658,956</b>	<b>694,573</b>
< 9th grade	11.1%	8.1%
9th-12th, no diploma	16.9%	13.9%
High School Graduate	29.5%	27.8%
Some College, no degree	15.0%	17.6%
Associate Degree	6.3%	7.0%
Bachelor Degree	13.5%	15.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.8%	9.7%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$32,181</b>	<b>\$42,090</b>
<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>
<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>648,091</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	618,968	95.5%
Speak Spanish	18,390	2.8%
Speak Other Indo-European	7,347	1.1%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	2,974	0.5%
Speak Other Languages	412	0.1%
<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>404,079</b>	<b>412,209</b>
Construction	19,317	21,007
Manufacturing	62,159	56,854
Wholesale Trade	16,401	16,339
Retail Trade	52,699	52,960
Transportation & Warehousing	9,269	9,312
Information	11,127	10,857
Financial Activities	31,055	32,276
Professional & Technical Services	18,927	20,006
Administrative & Waste Services	23,333	25,041
Educational Services	15,619	16,906
Health Care & Social Assistance	68,148	71,517
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7,097	7,372
Accommodation & Food Services	40,504	42,402
Other Services	17,634	18,241
All Other Employment	10,790	11,119

# The State of Rhode Island

Median household income in the Ocean State increased by 30.8 percent during the 1990's. By the end of the decade, Rhode Island's median household income of \$42,090 was on par with the United States average (\$41,994), but ranked 21st on a state-by-state basis. While ahead of regional neighbors Vermont (\$40,856) and Maine (\$37,240), Connecticut (\$53,935), Massachusetts (\$50,502), and New Hampshire (\$49,467) all posted median household income values well above that of Rhode Island.

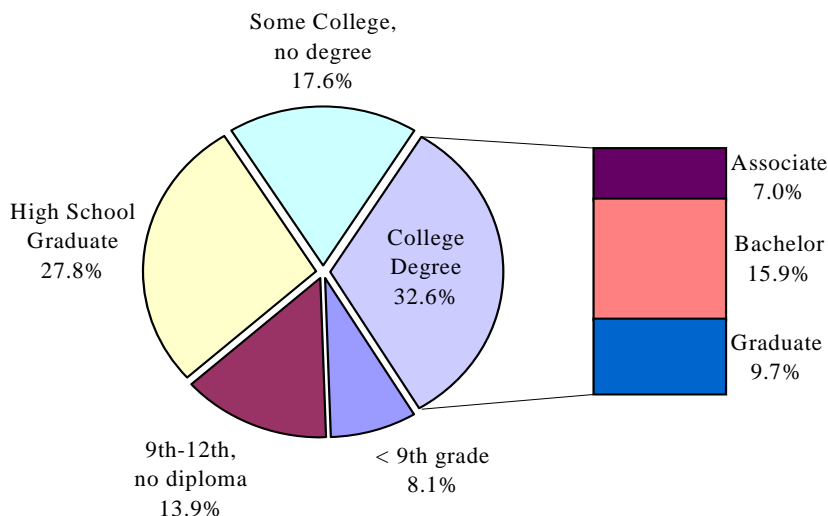
In 2000, 95.5 percent of Ocean State residents (age 18 to 64) reported having a proficient understanding of the English language. Under our definition, English proficiency includes not only those who speak just English, but also those people who speak another language AND English "well" or "very well." For example, of the 52,939 (8.2%) Rhode Islanders who spoke some level of Spanish at home, 42.9 percent (22,728) also spoke English "very well" and an additional 22.3 percent (11,821) spoke English "well." In contrast, 34.7 percent (18,390) of the State's Spanish-speaking population spoke English "not well" or "not at all."

There was noticeable improvement in the educational attainment of Ocean State residents 25 years and older between 1990 and 2000. During this period, the share of people with college degrees (associate, bachelor, and graduate) was on the rise, increasing from 27.5 percent to 32.6 percent. The percentage of Rhode Islanders with some college-level education increased to 17.6 percent as well, while the share of residents without a high school diploma decreased from 28 percent in 1990 to 22 percent in 2000.

In 2000, 14.4 percent of Rhode Island's workforce was employed out of state, compared to 12.2 percent in 1990. Of these 70,621 commuters, 79.5 percent travelled to Massachusetts and 16.0 percent to Connecticut.

Private sector businesses employed an average of 412,209 people in 2004, a 2.0 percent (+8,130) increase from the state's 2002 total. Health Care & Social Assistance establishments employed more workers (71,517) than any other industry sector, accounting for 17.3 percent of Rhode Island's total private sector employment. Despite precipitous job losses, Manufacturing remained the second largest employer by industry sector, at 13.8 percent, followed by Retail Trade (12.8%), Accommodation & Food Services (10.3%), and Financial Activities (7.8%).

**Educational Attainment in Rhode Island, 2000**



Between 2002 and 2004, notable job growth was reported in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+3,369), Accommodation & Food Services (+1,898), Administrative & Waste Services (+1,708), and Construction (+1,690) industry sectors. These employment gains offset significant job losses in Manufacturing, which shed 5,305 jobs (-8.5%). The Information (-270) and Wholesale Trade (-62) industry sectors also reported job losses. On a percentage basis, Construction employment grew by 8.7 percent between 2002 and 2004, followed by Educational Services (+8.2%), Administrative & Waste Services (+7.3), and Professional & Technical Services (+5.7%).

## Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English, 2000

<b>18 to 64 years old</b>	<b>648,091</b>	
<b><u>Speak only English</u></b>	<b>521,515</b>	
% of age group	80.5%	
<b><u>Speak Spanish</u></b>	<b>52,939</b>	
% of age group	8.2%	
Speak English "very well"	22,728	42.9%
Speak English "well"	11,821	22.3%
Speak English "not well"	12,418	23.5%
Speak English "not at all"	5,972	11.3%
<b><u>Speak Other Indo-European</u></b>	<b>54,854</b>	
% of age group	8.5%	
Speak English "very well"	35,624	64.9%
Speak English "well"	11,883	21.7%
Speak English "not well"	6,536	11.9%
Speak English "not at all"	811	1.5%
<b><u>Speak Asian/Pacific Island</u></b>	<b>14,317</b>	
% of age group	2.2%	
Speak English "very well"	7,005	48.9%
Speak English "well"	4,338	30.3%
Speak English "not well"	2,591	18.1%
Speak English "not at all"	383	2.7%
<b><u>Speak other languages</u></b>	<b>4,466</b>	
% of age group	0.7%	
Speak English "very well"	3,147	70.5%
Speak English "well"	907	20.3%
Speak English "not well"	361	8.1%
Speak English "not at all"	51	1.1%

# *Rhode Island continued...*

On a community basis, Cranston (+1,415) added the most private sector jobs between 2002 and 2004, followed by West Greenwich (+1,314), Warwick (+1,145), Smithfield (+952) and Lincoln (+904). West Greenwich led all cities and towns in employment growth on a percentage basis, increasing its workforce by 51.6 percent during this period.

East Providence (-854) reported the largest employment decline between 2002 and 2004, though the employment drop is not severe as it appears. Department of Labor and Training surveys identified that approximately 500 jobs previously classified in East Providence were actually located in different communities. Thus, a significant number of jobs were not lost during the three-year period, but reclassified in the appropriate location. Pawtucket (-425), Central Falls (-292) and Providence (-247) were the only remaining communities to report a loss of more than 200 jobs during this period. Central Falls lost over 10 percent of its employment, the largest decline reported on a percentage basis.

In 2004, the cities of Providence (97,134), Warwick (47,623), Cranston (29,831), Pawtucket (25,742) and East Providence (20,252), accounted for more than half (53.5%) of private sector employment in the state. During the past few years, these urban communities have experienced mixed results in retaining or expanding their job base.

Between 2002 and 2004, Providence accounted for over 43 percent of the newly created jobs in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector. Of the 3,369 new healthcare-related jobs statewide - the largest job growth of any sector - 1,472 were in Providence. On the negative side, 1,656 local Manufacturing jobs were lost during this period. This decline accounted for more than 30 percent of all Manufacturing jobs lost statewide.

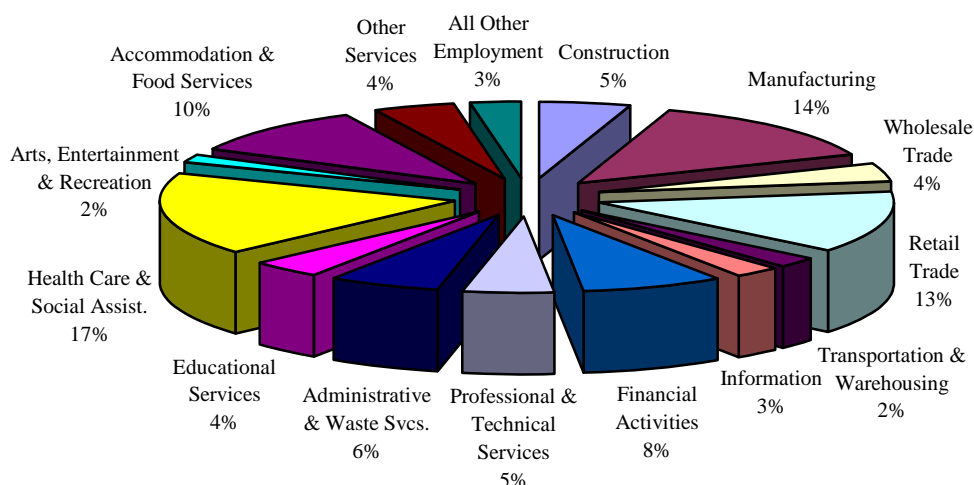
Twelve of the fifteen industry sectors measured in Warwick experienced job growth between 2002 and 2004. With the addition of 1,145 jobs, Warwick reported the third largest job growth in Rhode Island. Strong gains in the Financial Activities (+473) and Construction (+455) sectors helped offset a significant drop of 866 Manufacturing jobs.

Cranston, which led all of the state's thirty-nine cities and towns in employment growth between 2002 and 2004, can attribute much of their employment increase to the Financial Activities and Information sectors, which added 510 and 319 employees, respectively.

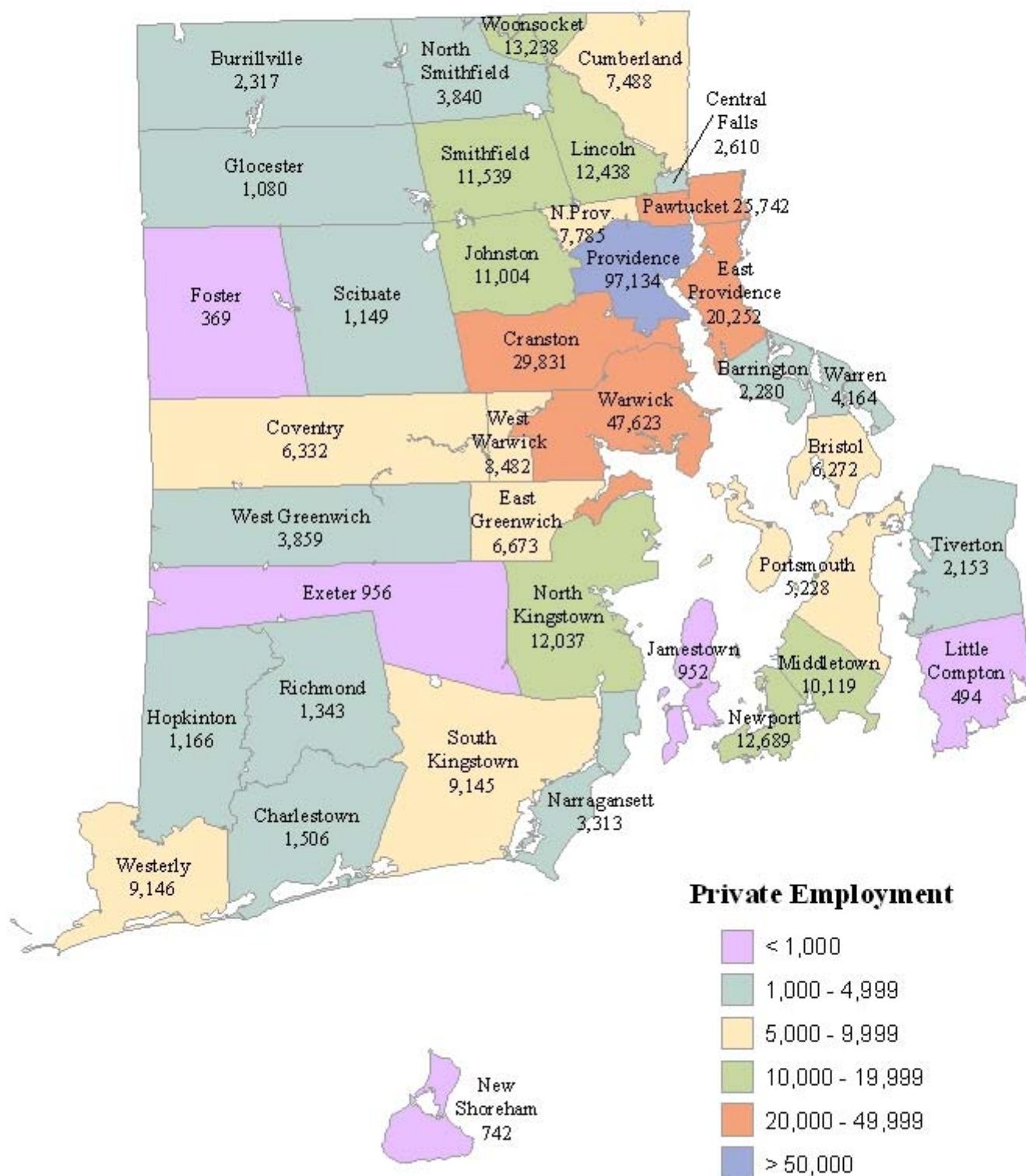
The loss of 967 Manufacturing jobs in Pawtucket contributed to an overall decline of 425 private sector jobs between 2002 and 2004. In total, eight of the city's fifteen industry sectors posted job declines during this period. On a positive note, the Administrative & Waste (+275) and Accommodation & Food Services (+234) sectors reported large employment gains.

Between 2002 and 2004, significant job declines were reported in East Providence, but as noted above, a large number of jobs were not lost, but reclassified to the correct municipality. Financial Activities (+237) and Accommodation & Food Services (+148) reported sizable growth during this period.

**Total Private Sector Employment in Rhode Island by Industry Sector, 2004**



# Rhode Island Private Covered Employment by City and Town 2004



# Barrington

The Town of Barrington is located nine miles southeast of Providence and is bounded by Narragansett Bay to the west and south. Its beautiful neighborhoods and estates, along with its seaside location, make the community a fine choice for residence and business.

Barrington experienced a 6.1 percent increase in total population during the 1990's, growing to 16,819 residents by 2000. Although predominately composed of White residents, Barrington's largest minority group, Asian & Pacific Islanders, accounted for 1.8 percent of the local population in 2000.

In 2000, 60 percent of Barrington's adult population (25 years and older) had a college degree (associate, bachelor or advanced), while an additional 16 percent had completed some college-level courses. This compares favorably to 1990, when just 54 percent of local residents had a college degree.

In 2000, 16.6 percent of the local workforce was employed out of state, an increase of 1.9 percentage points from its 1990 level.

Barrington's median household income of \$74,591 in 1999 was the highest value recorded in the state, well above the Rhode Island median of \$42,090 and the U.S. median of \$41,994.

Private employment in Barrington increased by 120 jobs (+5.6%) between 2002 and 2004, with large gains reported in the Accommodation & Food Services (+64) and Financial Activities (+54) sectors. Financial Activities also led all sectors in employment growth on a percentage basis, increasing by 66.7 percent during this period.

The Retail Trade sector reported a loss of 48 jobs (-10.5%) between 2002 and 2004, the largest employment decline during this period. Modest job declines were also noted in the Administrative & Waste Services (-12), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-5), and Information (-4) sectors.

Of the 8,484 Barrington residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 3.6 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>16,819</b>
Male	7,705	8,197
Female	8,144	8,622
16 years +	12,303	12,561
25 years +	10,742	11,210
65 years +	2,173	2,471
White	15,611	16,209
Black/African American	52	115
American Indian & Alaskan Native	6	19
Asian & Pacific Islander	152	297
Some other race	28	43
Two or more races	-	136
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	125	177

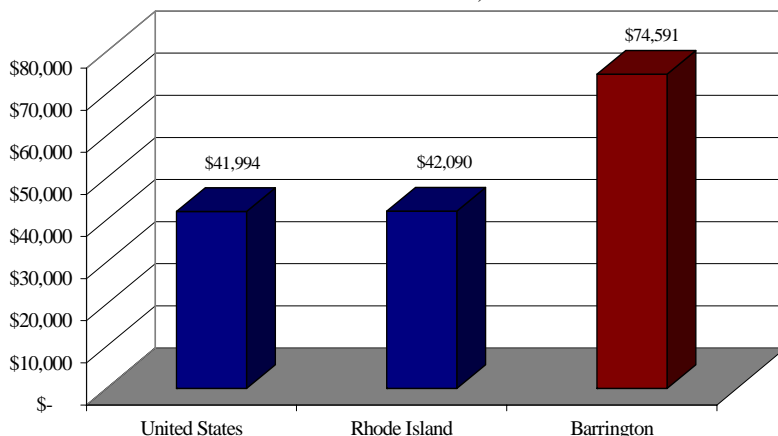
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>10,773</b>	<b>11,195</b>
< 9th grade	2.9%	2.0%
9th-12th, no diploma	8.2%	5.7%
High School Graduate	18.3%	16.4%
Some College, no degree	16.3%	16.0%
Associate Degree	7.9%	6.8%
Bachelor Degree	25.9%	29.5%
Graduate/Professional Degree	20.5%	23.7%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$53,058</b>	<b>\$74,591</b>
<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>

<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>9,620</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	9,570	99.5%
Speak Spanish	8	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	34	0.4%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	8	0.1%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>2,280</b>
Construction	196	207
Manufacturing	76	86
Wholesale Trade	82	86
Retail Trade	459	411
Transportation & Warehousing	*	*
Information	17	13
Financial Activities	81	135
Professional & Technical Services	114	117
Administrative & Waste Services	70	58
Educational Services	119	123
Health Care & Social Assistance	352	368
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	158	153
Accommodation & Food Services	153	217
Other Services	257	266
All Other Employment	25	37

Median Household Income, 1999



# Bristol

Bristol owns the reputation as “America’s Most Patriotic City.” Starting in 1785, its annual Fourth of July celebration is the nation’s oldest continuing celebration of its kind. Combined with its many beaches, miles of picturesque shoreline on Narragansett Bay, and beautiful green space, including Colt State Park, Bristol is a desirable location to live, work, and vacation.

Total population in Bristol increased by 3.9 percent between 1990 and 2000, with the addition of 844 residents. The community is mainly composed of English-speaking, White residents. The largest minority group in the area, Hispanic/Latino, accounted for just 1.3 percent of the population in 2000.

Educational attainment in Bristol showed positive signs of improvement between 1990 and 2000. The number of residents 25 years and older without a high school diploma fell from 35 percent in 1990 to just under 26 percent in 2000. Meanwhile, the number of people in Bristol with an associate (6.1%), bachelor (16.0%), or graduate (10.2%) degree were all greater than their 1990 levels. Overall, 32 percent of the local population had a college degree in 2000, compared to 24 percent ten years earlier.

Bristol added 394 jobs between 2002 and 2004, a 6.7 percent increase in local private sector employment. Employment in the Educational Services sector increased by 164 jobs (+15.8%), while the Accommodation & Food Services (+72) and Professional & Technical Services (+63) sectors also reported sizable gains. The Professional & Technical Services (+68.5%) sector added the most jobs on a percentage basis.

Bristol lost 101 Manufacturing jobs between 2002 and 2004, the largest sector decline during this period. Financial activities (-28) and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-24) were the only remaining sectors to report a loss of employment.

Of the 12,349 Bristol residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.6 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>21,625</b>	<b>22,469</b>
Male	10,620	10,834
Female	11,005	11,635
16 years +	17,808	18,540
25 years +	13,972	14,994
65 years +	3,520	3,969
White	21,362	21,826
Black/African American	99	140
American Indian & Alaskan Native	22	37
Asian & Pacific Islander	100	161
Some other race	42	74
Two or more races	-	231
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	410	289

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>13,972</b>	<b>14,994</b>
< 9th grade	18.9%	13.3%
9th-12th, no diploma	16.0%	12.6%
High School Graduate	28.0%	25.6%
Some College, no degree	13.2%	16.1%
Associate Degree	4.2%	6.1%
Bachelor Degree	12.5%	16.0%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.1%	10.2%

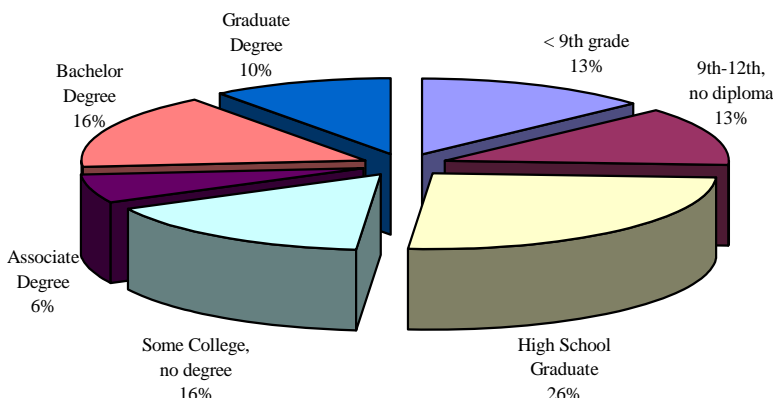
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$34,165</b>	<b>\$43,689</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>14,052</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	13,655	97.2%
Speak Spanish	16	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	372	2.6%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	9	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>5,878</b>	<b>6,272</b>
Construction	407	466
Manufacturing	1,332	1,231
Wholesale Trade	124	132
Retail Trade	696	755
Transportation & Warehousing	38	54
Information	*	*
Financial Activities	172	144
Professional & Technical Services	92	155
Administrative & Waste Services	145	162
Educational Services	1,038	1,202
Health Care & Social Assistance	821	879
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	94	70
Accommodation & Food Services	615	687
Other Services	224	255
All Other Employment	14	14

**Educational Attainment, 2000**



# Burrillville

Burrillville is nestled in the northwest corner of Rhode Island and offers a charming New England lifestyle within short distance of the area's major metropolitan areas. Its acres of open space, ponds and woodlands, combined with residential villages such as Harrisville and Pascoag, make Burrillville a desirable location to both live and work.

The total population of Burrillville fell from 16,230 residents in 1990 to 15,796 in 2000, a 2.7 percent decline. The area is composed mainly of English-speaking, White residents, as racial minority groups account for less than 2 percent of the local population. Less than one percent of the population is of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

Twenty-six percent of Burrillville residents aged 25 years and older held a college degree in 2000, up slightly from its 1990 level. Although the share of local residents with an advanced degree declined between 1990 and 2000, two-year and four-year college educations were on the rise. An additional 19 percent of residents reported the completion of some college courses.

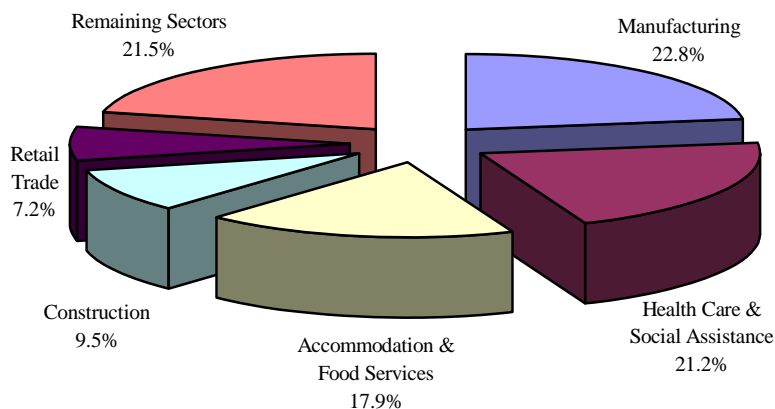
Reflecting its proximity to both Connecticut and Massachusetts, 21.6 percent of Burrillville workers were employed out of state in 2000.

Overall, Burrillville lost a total of one private sector job between 2002 and 2004. Employment gains in the Accommodation & Food Services (+83), Other Services (+26), and Financial Activities (+24) sectors helped offset job losses in Wholesale Trade (-61), Manufacturing (-50) and Health Care & Social Assistance (-39).

Financial Activities (+77.4%) experienced the largest employment gain on a percentage basis, while local Wholesale Trade (-53.5%) businesses reported the largest percentage decline in total employment.

Of the 9,615 Burrillville residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.8 percent was unemployed.

**Private Sector Employment, 2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>16,230</b>	<b>15,796</b>
Male	7,987	7,749
Female	8,243	8,047
16 years +	12,207	12,301
25 years +	10,360	10,533
65 years +	2,033	1,800
White	16,152	15,569
Black/African American	17	34
American Indian & Alaskan Native	21	31
Asian & Pacific Islander	21	38
Some other race	19	40
Two or more races	-	84
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	71	132

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>10,364</b>	<b>10,520</b>
< 9th grade	13.6%	5.3%
9th-12th, no diploma	15.8%	14.3%
High School Graduate	31.9%	35.0%
Some College, no degree	14.8%	19.3%
Associate Degree	8.0%	9.9%
Bachelor Degree	10.3%	11.2%
Graduate/Professional Degree	5.6%	5.0%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$37,156</b>	<b>\$52,587</b>
<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>21.6%</b>

<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>9,925</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	9,865	99.4%
Speak Spanish	35	0.4%
Speak Other Indo-European	25	0.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>2,318</b>	<b>2,317</b>
Construction	227	220
Manufacturing	578	528
Wholesale Trade	114	53
Retail Trade	162	166
Transportation & Warehousing	*	11
Information	*	19
Financial Activities	31	55
Professional & Technical Services	48	53
Administrative & Waste Services	26	22
Educational Services	*	24
Health Care & Social Assistance	531	492
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	42	63
Accommodation & Food Services	331	414
Other Services	98	124
All Other Employment	81	73

# Central Falls

Central Falls is Rhode Island's smallest city, covering just 1.21 square miles. A growing textile industry attracted a wide variety of immigrants to the area during the nineteenth century and this diversity is still reflected in the community today.

Central Falls added nearly 1,300 residents between 1990 and 2000, surpassing 18,900 people. In 1990, the community had 1,000 more females than males. Over the next ten years, this difference shrunk to just 100, as the male population increased by 13 percent. Central Falls' Hispanic/Latino residents comprised nearly 48 percent of the local population in 2000, growing 77 percent during the preceding ten years. More than 26 percent of local residents age 18 to 64 primarily speak languages other than English.

The educational attainment of the City's population showed little improvement during the 1990's. Just over half of all local residents (25 years and older) did not have a high school diploma in 2000. Furthermore, the share of residents with an associate or bachelor degree declined between 1990 and 2000.

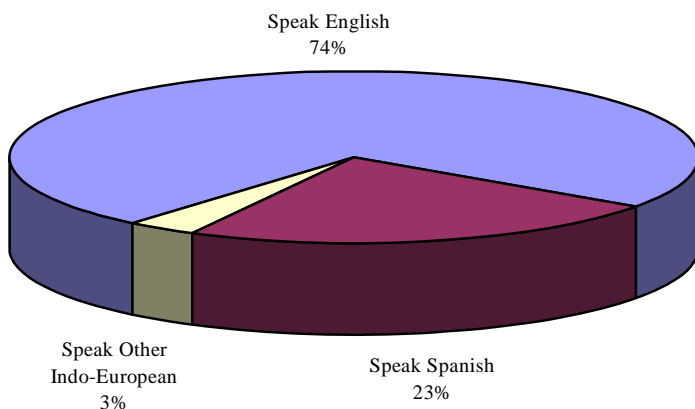
Central Falls median household income of \$22,628 in 1999 was the lowest value recorded in the state, nearly half of the statewide average of \$42,090.

Between 2002 and 2004, Central Falls lost 292 (-10.1%) private sector jobs, the third highest loss of its kind in Rhode Island. Manufacturing employment fell by 26.8 percent, losing 321 industry jobs. Health Care & Social Assistance (-56) and Retail Trade (-49) also lost sector level employment.

On a positive note, the Administrative & Waste Services sector added 142 jobs (+108.4%) during this period, while Financial Activities and Transportation & Warehousing added 41 and 36, jobs respectively.

Of the 8,168 Central Falls residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 7.4 percent was unemployed, the highest unemployment rate of all cities and towns.

**Language Spoken at Home, 2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>17,637</b>	<b>18,928</b>
Male	8,332	9,404
Female	9,305	9,524
16 years +	13,152	13,995
25 years +	10,769	11,157
65 years +	2,632	2,177
White	13,656	10,820
Black/African American	744	1,101
American Indian & Alaskan Native	47	108
Asian & Pacific Islander	136	136
Some other race	3,054	5,367
Two or more races	-	1,396
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,119	9,041

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>10,860</b>	<b>11,282</b>
< 9th grade	24.7%	24.3%
9th-12th, no diploma	28.4%	26.6%
High School Graduate	28.7%	28.0%
Some College, no degree	8.9%	11.9%
Associate Degree	3.7%	3.5%
Bachelor Degree	4.6%	3.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	1.1%	1.9%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$18,617</b>	<b>\$22,628</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>11,307</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	8,324	73.6%
Speak Spanish	2,621	23.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	362	3.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>2,610</b>
Construction	169	178
Manufacturing	1,198	877
Wholesale Trade	148	110
Retail Trade	319	270
Transportation & Warehousing	33	69
Information	-	-
Financial Activities	134	175
Professional & Technical Services	19	12
Administrative & Waste Services	131	273
Educational Services	-	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	277	221
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	*	*
Accommodation & Food Services	301	279
Other Services	169	132
All Other Employment	-	7

# Charlestown

Charlestown is located along the southern shore of Rhode Island, situated between the Providence and Groton/New London areas. Its thirty-six square miles of land and six miles of coastline on Block Island sound encompasses the tribal lands of the Narragansett Indians. The community offers a variety of recreational activities to residents and visitors, including beautiful sandy beaches, such as Charlestown Town Beach and Ninigret Park. The latter serves as a National Wildlife Refuge.

Charlestown added nearly 1,400 people to its total population during the 1990's. This 21.3 percent increase was the third largest percentage gain in the state during this period. The community's largest minority group, American Indians & Alaskan Natives, accounted for 1.3 percent of the population in 2000.

In 2000, 37 percent of Charlestown residents 25 years and older had a college degree, a 4 percentage point increase over its 1990 level. An additional 20.7 percent reported the completion of some college-level courses, while just 10 percent of local residents did not have a high school diploma.

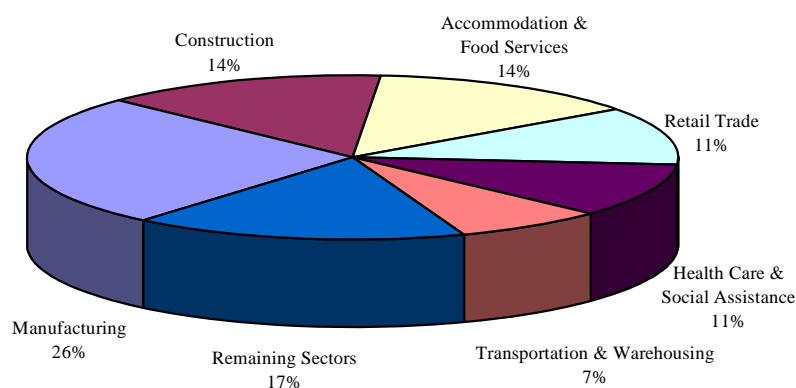
At \$51,491, Charlestown had a median household income well-above the statewide median of \$42,090. Local median household income increased by 43 percent between 1989 and 1999 - the tenth highest percentage increase in Rhode Island.

Commuting patterns out of Charlestown remained relatively stable during the 1990's. By 2000, 17.2 percent of local residents were employed out of state, a slight decline from the 17.5 percent reported ten years earlier.

Charlestown added 172 private sector jobs between 2002 and 2004, a 12.9 percent increase. Notable employment growth was reported in the Manufacturing (+55), Construction (+46), and Administrative & Waste Services (+31) sectors.

Of the 4,691 Charlestown residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.7 percent was unemployed.

**Private Sector Employment, 2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,478</b>	<b>7,859</b>
Male	3,215	3,893
Female	3,263	3,966
16 years +	5,033	6,331
25 years +	4,361	5,654
65 years +	876	1,143
White	6,284	7,565
Black/African American	43	30
American Indian & Alaskan Native	103	99
Asian & Pacific Islander	42	50
Some other race	6	42
Two or more races	-	73
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	37	87

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>5,637</b>
< 9th grade	3.2%	2.0%
9th-12th, no diploma	10.8%	8.0%
High School Graduate	33.9%	32.0%
Some College, no degree	18.6%	20.7%
Associate Degree	10.0%	7.8%
Bachelor Degree	15.4%	17.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	8.1%	11.6%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$36,040</b>	<b>\$51,491</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	4,996	99.7%
Speak Spanish	8	0.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	6	0.1%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,506</b>
Construction	166	212
Manufacturing	338	393
Wholesale Trade	35	36
Retail Trade	146	171
Transportation & Warehousing	109	110
Information	16	15
Financial Activities	49	54
Professional & Technical Services	29	37
Administrative & Waste Services	33	64
Educational Services	-	-
Health Care & Social Assistance	153	161
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6	9
Accommodation & Food Services	183	206
Other Services	64	33
All Other Employment	7	5

# Coventry

Coventry is Rhode Island's largest community, with an area of 64.8 square miles extending from West Warwick to the Connecticut border. The Town offers a mix of rural and suburban lifestyles with growing employment in the Retail Trade and Accommodation & Food Services sectors.

Between 1990 and 2000, Coventry's population grew by 8.3 percent with the addition of 2,585 residents. Nearly 98 percent of all local residents were White. In terms of ethnicity, the Hispanic/Latino population accounted for just 1.1 percent of the population in 2000.

Twenty-eight percent of local residents 25 years and older had a college degree in 2000, an increase of more than six percentage points from the 1990 total. An additional 20.7 percent of Coventry's population had completed some college-level courses in 2000.

In 2000, 6.2 percent of Coventry's workforce commuted to neighboring states, down from the 6.9 percent reported ten years earlier.

Private sector firms in Coventry added 448 jobs (+7.6%) to the local economy between 2002 and 2004. During this period, notable employment gains occurred in the Accommodation & Food Services (+182), Construction (+126), and Retail Trade (+77) sectors.

As is the trend throughout Rhode Island, Coventry has experienced a decline in Manufacturing employment, losing 126 jobs (-12.7%) between 2002 and 2004. Financial Activities reported a decrease of 27 jobs, while Health Care & Social Assistance (-3) and Wholesale Trade (-1) posted minimal losses.

Of the 20,153 Coventry residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.7 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>31,083</b>	<b>33,668</b>
Male	15,064	16,301
Female	16,019	17,367
16 years +	24,360	26,257
25 years +	20,814	23,074
65 years +	4,036	4,384
White	30,771	32,859
Black/African American	82	131
American Indian & Alaskan Native	32	50
Asian & Pacific Islander	115	196
Some other race	83	106
Two or more races	-	326
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	260	385

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>20,814</b>	<b>23,172</b>
< 9th grade	9.2%	5.1%
9th-12th, no diploma	16.4%	11.6%
High School Graduate	34.9%	34.5%
Some College, no degree	17.8%	20.7%
Associate Degree	7.6%	8.5%
Bachelor Degree	10.4%	14.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	3.7%	4.9%

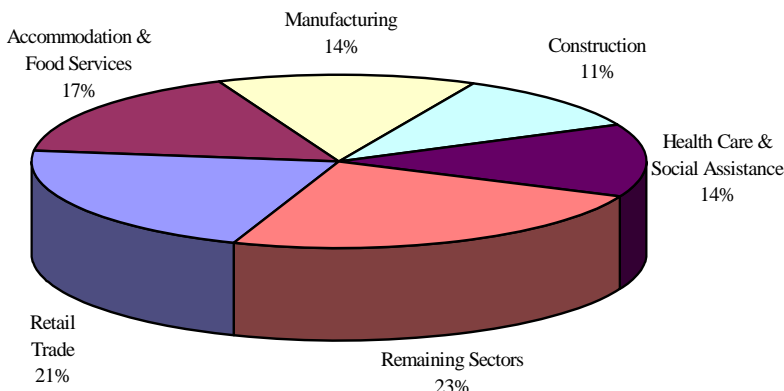
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$37,230</b>	<b>\$51,987</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>20,888</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	20,786	99.5%
Speak Spanish	21	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	57	0.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	24	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>5,884</b>	<b>6,332</b>
Construction	553	679
Manufacturing	992	866
Wholesale Trade	252	251
Retail Trade	1,274	1,351
Transportation & Warehousing	144	152
Information	15	18
Financial Activities	208	181
Professional & Technical Services	146	202
Administrative & Waste Services	120	185
Educational Services	108	109
Health Care & Social Assistance	872	869
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	20	29
Accommodation & Food Services	876	1,058
Other Services	288	312
All Other Employment	16	70

Private Sector Employment, 2004



# Cranston

Cranston is a culturally diverse community sharing borders with Providence and Warwick. Heavily populated neighborhoods in the east meld into a rural lifestyle heading west, giving Cranston an eclectic mix of businesses and residential areas. The City's numerous historic villages, such as Pawtuxet and Oaklawn, provide homage to the past in this growing community.

Cranston's total population grew by 4.2 percent during the 1990's, with the addition 3,209 people. Growth in the local Asian & Pacific Islander (+1,284), Black/African American (+1,089), and Hispanic/Latino (+2,081) communities more than offset the loss of 1,615 White residents. Overall, 79,200 people made Cranston their home in 2000, the third most populated community in the Ocean State.

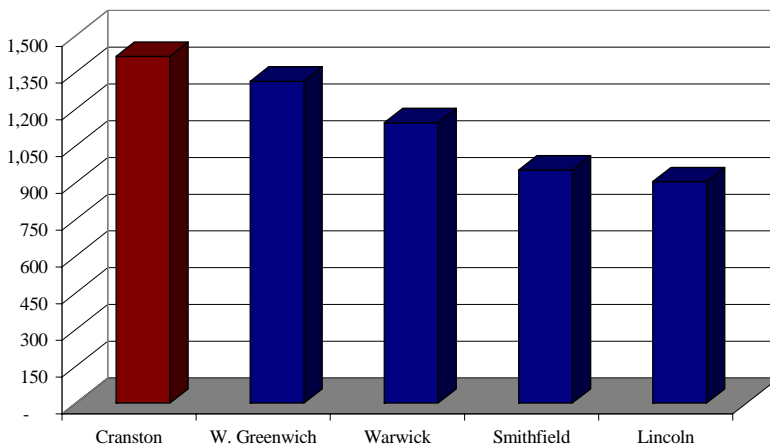
Nearly one-third of Cranston residents 25 years and older had a college degree in 2000, while an additional 18 percent had completed some college-level courses. The share of local residents without a high school diploma decreased between 1990 and 2000, falling from 26 percent to 21 percent by the end of the decade.

Private sector employment in Cranston increased by 5.0 percent between 2002 and 2004. The addition of 1,415 jobs was the largest gain experienced by any community in Rhode Island during this period. Financial Activities was the catalyst in this growth, with the workforce growing in excess of 500 jobs. Information and All Other Employment also reported significant growth by adding 319 and 271 jobs, respectively.

Manufacturing suffered the largest employment decline during this period, losing 827 jobs, a 14.4 percent decrease. Despite the large decline, Manufacturing remains the city's largest employment sector, employing 4,912 workers. Professional & Technical Services (-35) and Other Services (-21) were the only other sectors to report a loss in employment.

Of the 41,790 Cranston residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.2 percent was unemployed.

**Top Employment Gains by Community, 2002-2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>76,060</b>	<b>79,269</b>
Male	36,594	38,800
Female	39,466	40,469
16 years +	62,903	64,096
25 years +	54,029	56,071
65 years +	14,124	13,711
White	72,318	70,703
Black/African American	1,837	2,926
American Indian & Alaskan Native	139	236
Asian & Pacific Islander	1,348	2,632
Some other race	418	1,528
Two or more races	-	1,244
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,532	3,613

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>54,062</b>	<b>55,886</b>
< 9th grade	8.5%	6.6%
9th-12th, no diploma	17.5%	14.7%
High School Graduate	30.2%	28.7%
Some College, no degree	16.2%	17.8%
Associate Degree	6.5%	7.6%
Bachelor Degree	13.7%	15.6%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.4%	9.0%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$34,528</b>	<b>\$44,108</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>48,148</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	47,031	97.7%
Speak Spanish	358	0.7%
Speak Other Indo-European	339	0.7%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	389	0.8%
Speak Other Languages	31	0.1%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>28,416</b>	<b>29,831</b>
Construction	1,703	1,792
Manufacturing	5,739	4,912
Wholesale Trade	1,564	1,711
Retail Trade	4,218	4,482
Transportation & Warehousing	679	729
Information	1,116	1,435
Financial Activities	1,510	2,020
Professional & Technical Services	1,327	1,292
Administrative & Waste Services	2,527	2,603
Educational Services	236	403
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,231	3,430
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	280	292
Accommodation & Food Services	2,470	2,664
Other Services	1,588	1,567
All Other Employment	228	499

# Cumberland

Cumberland, located in the northeastern corner of Rhode Island, offers a rural charm to its residents and visitors. Part of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Cumberland offers acres of green space to cherish and enjoy, including Diamond Hill Park and the Fanning Wilderness Area.

During the 1990's, Cumberland's population increased by 9.6 percent (+2,802). In terms of ethnicity, 667 people of Hispanic/Latino descent made Cumberland their home in 2000, accounting for 2.1 percent of the local population.

The percent of Cumberland residents 25 years and older with a bachelor degree increased from 15.5 percent to 19.5 percent during the 1990's. The percent of the population with an advanced degree followed a similar trend, increasing three percentage points during this period. Meanwhile, the percent of individuals without a high school diploma fell from over 25 percent in 1990 to 18.6 percent in 2000.

At \$54,656, Cumberland's 1999 median household income was significantly higher than the statewide median of \$42,090. Local median household income increased by 34.3 percent between 1989 and 1999, a slightly higher rate than experienced throughout Rhode Island (+30.8%).

Commuting patterns out of Cumberland remained fairly stable during the 1990's. In 2000, 27.4 percent of Cumberland workers were employed outside of Rhode Island, a 0.1 percentage point increase from the town's 1990 level. This represented the second highest rate in Providence County and the sixth highest rate in the state.

Private sector employment in Cumberland increased by 431 jobs between 2002 and 2004, a 6.1 percent gain. Job growth was noted in Health Care & Social Assistance (+166), Financial Activities (+88), and Accommodation & Food Services (+72).

Of the 19,022 Cumberland residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.7 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>29,038</b>	<b>31,840</b>
Male	13,877	15,177
Female	15,161	16,663
16 years +	23,363	24,973
25 years +	20,026	22,301
65 years +	4,229	5,098
White	28,730	30,803
Black/African American	71	180
American Indian & Alaskan Native	11	25
Asian & Pacific Islander	116	272
Some other race	110	267
Two or more races	-	293
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	440	667

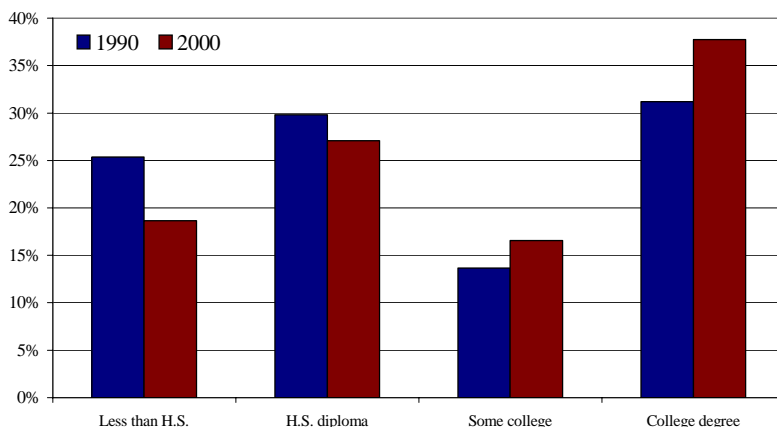
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>20,006</b>	<b>22,377</b>
< 9th grade	10.7%	7.7%
9th-12th, no diploma	14.6%	10.9%
High School Graduate	29.8%	27.1%
Some College, no degree	13.6%	16.6%
Associate Degree	8.7%	8.3%
Bachelor Degree	15.5%	19.5%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.0%	10.0%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$40,683</b>	<b>\$54,656</b>
<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>27.4%</b>

<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>18,992</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	18,492	97.4%
Speak Spanish	163	0.9%
Speak Other Indo-European	304	1.6%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	33	0.2%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>7,057</b>	<b>7,488</b>
Construction	746	768
Manufacturing	1,689	1,708
Wholesale Trade	333	383
Retail Trade	1,069	1,099
Transportation & Warehousing	512	454
Information	69	60
Financial Activities	231	319
Professional & Technical Services	207	236
Administrative & Waste Services	223	209
Educational Services	82	86
Health Care & Social Assistance	913	1,079
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	76	85
Accommodation & Food Services	556	628
Other Services	327	365
All Other Employment	24	9

**Educational Attainment, 1990 & 2000**



# East Greenwich

East Greenwich is centrally-located in the heart of Rhode Island along the western shore of Narragansett Bay and once served as the seat of State government. Along with a traditional “Main Street,” offering numerous boutiques and restaurants, East Greenwich’s beautiful neighborhoods, growing economy, and unique characteristics make it a fine choice for residence and business in Rhode Island.

East Greenwich’s population increased by 9.1 percent between 1990 and 2000, adding 1,083 residents. While small in number, the local Asian & Pacific Islander population more than doubled in size during this period, totaling 325 people by 2000 - the largest minority group in East Greenwich.

East Greenwich boasts a highly educated population. During the 1990’s, the community benefited from the addition of 1,386 college degrees (associate, bachelor & advanced), a 33.4 percent increase. Just 7.4 percent of local residents did not have a high school diploma in 2000.

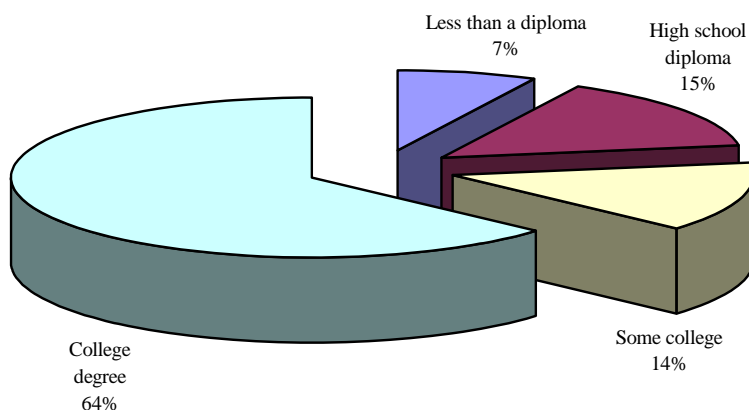
East Greenwich’s median household income of \$70,063 in 1999 was the second highest value measured in Rhode Island, trailing only Barrington (\$74,591).

Just seven percent of local workers traveled out of state for employment in 2000, down from nine percent ten years earlier and well-below the statewide average of 14.4 percent.

East Greenwich appeared to add 589 jobs between 2002 and 2004, with large gains noted in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+630) sector. Job growth in this sector is attributed, in part, to better information obtained through DLT verification surveys and worksite location reports.

Of the 6,891 East Greenwich residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.8 percent was unemployed.

**Educational Attainment, 2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>11,865</b>	<b>12,948</b>
Male	5,734	6,267
Female	6,131	6,681
16 years +	9,307	9,818
25 years +	7,986	8,783
65 years +	1,448	1,756
White	11,628	12,383
Black/African American	49	89
American Indian & Alaskan Native	22	8
Asian & Pacific Islander	159	325
Some other race	7	37
Two or more races	-	106
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	77	117

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>8,024</b>	<b>8,733</b>
< 9th grade	2.8%	1.4%
9th-12th, no diploma	7.4%	6.0%
High School Graduate	21.7%	15.2%
Some College, no degree	16.4%	14.0%
Associate Degree	7.6%	6.9%
Bachelor Degree	26.9%	31.7%
Graduate/Professional Degree	17.3%	24.8%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$50,896</b>	<b>\$70,063</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>7,626</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	7,600	99.7%
Speak Spanish	4	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	12	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	5	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	5	0.1%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>6,084</b>	<b>6,673</b>
Construction	335	323
Manufacturing	1,509	1,274
Wholesale Trade	344	418
Retail Trade	714	737
Transportation & Warehousing	54	101
Information	59	44
Financial Activities	596	594
Professional & Technical Services	378	355
Administrative & Waste Services	152	163
Educational Services	178	201
Health Care & Social Assistance	582	1,212
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	86	91
Accommodation & Food Services	829	861
Other Services	253	255
All Other Employment	15	44

# East Providence

East Providence has long benefited from its strategic location along the Massachusetts border and access to several major waterways. Bounded by the Narragansett Bay to the south, the community also lays claim to portions of the Providence, Seekonk and Ten Mile Rivers. Its proximity to regional metro areas and accessible transportation by boat, car, and rail makes East Providence a desirable location for all types of business.

East Providence's total population fell by 1,692 people (-3.4%) during the 1990's. The loss of 4,296 White residents was partially offset by gains in the Asian & Pacific Islander (+288) and Black/African American (+252) communities. In 2000, White residents accounted for more than 86 percent of the local population, while 5 percent were Black/African American.

In 2000, nearly 24 percent of local residents 25 years and older had a college degree, up slightly from 1990. Approximately 29 percent of East Providence residents did not have a high school diploma in 2000, down from 33 percent in 1990.

In 1999, East Providence (\$39,108) had the fifth lowest median household income value in Rhode Island. This represented a 26 percent increase from its 1989 level, whereas the state median income (\$42,090) increased by 31 percent during the same period.

Just under 17 percent of the City's workforce was employed out of state in 2000, 4.4 percentage points higher than in 1990.

Local private sector employment decreased by 854 jobs between 2002 and 2004. This employment drop is not as severe as it appears, as better information obtained through DLT surveys led to the conclusion that a large number of jobs which had been reported in East Providence were actually located in other municipalities.

Of the 25,952 East Providence residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.5 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>50,380</b>	<b>48,688</b>
Male	23,443	22,629
Female	26,937	26,059
16 years +	41,030	39,290
25 years +	35,060	34,522
65 years +	9,504	9,203
White	46,407	42,111
Black/African American	2,193	2,445
American Indian & Alaskan Native	241	225
Asian & Pacific Islander	294	582
Some other race	1,245	1,361
Two or more races	-	1,964
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	845	922

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>35,267</b>	<b>34,489</b>
< 9th grade	14.3%	11.8%
9th-12th, no diploma	18.7%	17.1%
High School Graduate	31.4%	29.4%
Some College, no degree	14.4%	17.8%
Associate Degree	5.1%	5.8%
Bachelor Degree	10.6%	12.4%
Graduate/Professional Degree	5.4%	5.7%

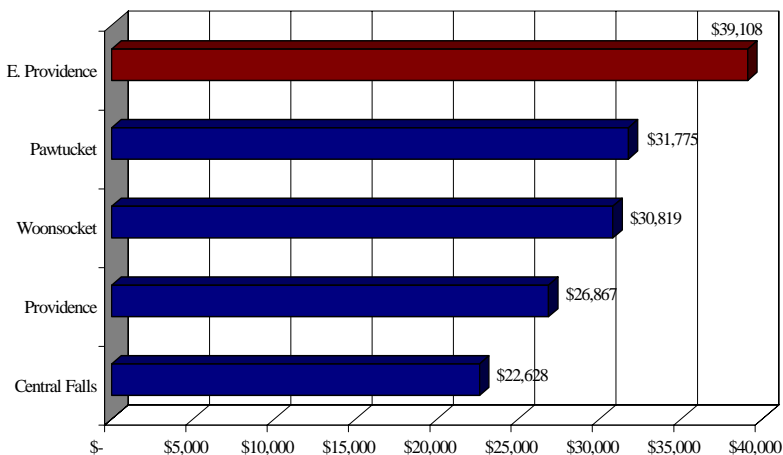
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$31,007</b>	<b>\$39,108</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>29,002</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	27,661	95.4%
Speak Spanish	84	0.3%
Speak Other Indo-European	1,198	4.1%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	43	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	16	0.1%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>21,106</b>	<b>20,252</b>
Construction	1,112	1,207
Manufacturing	3,688	3,157
Wholesale Trade	1,812	1,603
Retail Trade	2,187	2,217
Transportation & Warehousing	109	111
Information	507	583
Financial Activities	2,538	2,775
Professional & Technical Services	1,397	1,153
Administrative & Waste Services	875	695
Educational Services	575	596
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,606	3,329
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	488	497
Accommodation & Food Services	1,365	1,513
Other Services	732	725
All Other Employment	115	91

Lowest Median Household Incomes in RI, 1999



# Exeter

The rural community of Exeter was once roamed by the Narragansett Indians. Colonial settlements eventually displaced the native peoples, as villages formed around area lakes and streams. Although agriculture and manufacturing still play an important role in the local economy, Exeter has diversified into the trade and services sectors as well. Today, area forests, lakes, and streams make Exeter a desirable place to live and work.

Roughly 6,000 people made Exeter their home in 2000. The addition of 584 people during the 1990's represented a 10.7 percent gain in total population. Exeter remains predominately composed of English-speaking, White residents, as minority groups accounted for just 3.6 percent of the population in 2000.

In 2000, nearly 40 percent of the local population 25 years and older had attained a college degree, up from 29 percent reported ten years earlier. During this period, the share of residents without a high school diploma fell to just 14.0 percent, down from 24 percent in 1990.

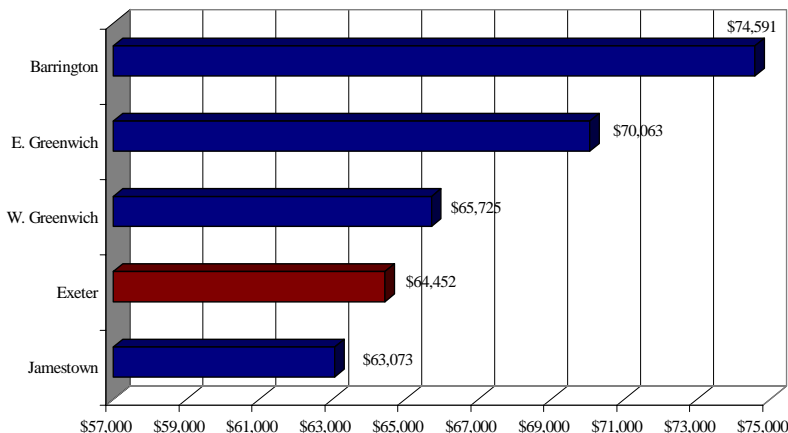
In 1999, Exeter (\$64,452) had the fourth highest median household income in Rhode Island, well above the statewide median of \$42,090. On a community basis, Exeter (+68.8%) experienced the highest percentage increase in median household income between 1989 and 1999, significantly higher than income growth statewide (+30.8%).

In 2000, 9.3 percent of local workers commuted out of state for employment, 3.2 percentage points higher than in 1990.

Exeter's private sector employment grew by 14.4 percent between 2002 and 2004, the second highest gain in Rhode Island on a percentage basis behind Scituate. Businesses added 120 jobs to the local economy during this period, with the largest gains in Accommodation & Food Services (+36), Construction (+25), and Retail Trade (+17).

Of the 3,745 Exeter residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.5 percent was unemployed.

**Highest Median Household Incomes in RI, 1999**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,461</b>	<b>6,045</b>
Male	2,775	2,972
Female	2,686	3,073
16 years +	4,105	4,654
25 years +	3,538	4,068
65 years +	446	589
White	5,362	5,825
Black/African American	41	40
American Indian & Alaskan Native	36	36
Asian & Pacific Islander	17	46
Some other race	5	20
Two or more races	-	78
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	30	77

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>4,094</b>
< 9th grade	11.9%	5.2%
9th-12th, no diploma	11.9%	8.8%
High School Graduate	29.4%	25.7%
Some College, no degree	17.8%	20.7%
Associate Degree	5.3%	9.5%
Bachelor Degree	15.5%	20.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	8.2%	10.2%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$38,179</b>	<b>\$64,452</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>3,902</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	3,879	99.4%
Speak Spanish	9	0.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	14	0.4%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>956</b>
Construction	75	100
Manufacturing	145	146
Wholesale Trade	60	65
Retail Trade	66	83
Transportation & Warehousing	*	53
Information	*	*
Financial Activities	5	8
Professional & Technical Services	31	46
Administrative & Waste Services	29	37
Educational Services	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	98	113
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	65	63
Accommodation & Food Services	77	113
Other Services	22	36
All Other Employment	103	84

# Foster

Foster is a rural, agricultural community that shares its western border with neighboring Connecticut. One of the more sparsely populated areas of Rhode Island, much of Foster remains covered with forestlands and is home to the highest point in the Ocean State, Jerimoth Hill.

Foster's total population decreased by 42 people during the 1990's, falling to 4,274 residents. As a result of this one percent decline, Foster was one of just seven communities to report a population decrease during this period. Foster remains mostly composed of English-speaking, White residents.

During this period, the community experienced noticeable improvement in the educational attainment of its residents. The percent of the adult population (25 years and older) with an associate degree increased from 5.9 percent in 1990 to 10.0 percent in 2000. Meanwhile, the share of residents with an advanced degree increased from 10.3 percent to 13.3 percent. Those without a high school diploma fell from 18 percent to 12 percent of the population during this same period.

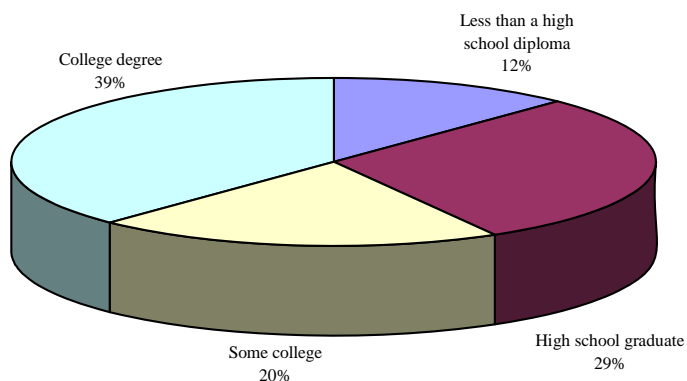
In 1999, Foster's median household income value of \$59,673 was significantly higher than the statewide median of \$42,090. On a community basis, Foster had the ninth highest median income in Rhode Island.

In 2000, just over 14 percent of workers living in Foster were employed outside of Rhode Island. This represented a slight increase from the 13.1 percent reported ten years earlier and was on par with the statewide average of 14.4 percent.

Employment in Foster decreased by 43 jobs between 2002 and 2004, a 10.4 percent decline. Construction (+16) and All Other Employment (+3) were the only sectors to report employment growth. The thirteen remaining sectors in Foster reported modest job declines, with the largest occurring in Retail Trade (-15) and Wholesale Trade (-11).

Of the 2,637 Foster residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.7 percent was unemployed.

**Educational Attainment, 2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>4,274</b>
Male	2,119	2,133
Female	2,197	2,141
16 years +	3,240	3,311
25 years +	2,816	2,929
65 years +	401	447
White	4,267	4,157
Black/African American	19	9
American Indian & Alaskan Native	12	10
Asian & Pacific Islander	13	29
Some other race	5	11
Two or more races	-	58
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	16	34

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,895</b>
< 9th grade	5.2%	2.9%
9th-12th, no diploma	12.9%	9.5%
High School Graduate	31.9%	29.5%
Some College, no degree	19.8%	20.5%
Associate Degree	5.9%	10.0%
Bachelor Degree	14.0%	14.5%
Graduate/Professional Degree	10.3%	13.3%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$40,795</b>	<b>\$59,673</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	2,706	99.8%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	-	-
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	6	0.2%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>369</b>
Construction	41	57
Manufacturing	20	13
Wholesale Trade	31	20
Retail Trade	27	12
Transportation & Warehousing	*	27
Information	16	13
Financial Activities	*	*
Professional & Technical Services	20	18
Administrative & Waste Services	29	21
Educational Services	-	-
Health Care & Social Assistance	55	53
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	*	*
Accommodation & Food Services	53	44
Other Services	13	10
All Other Employment	21	24

# Glocester

The Town of Glocester, connected to the Connecticut communities of Killingly and Putnam, composes part of Rhode Island's western border. Glocester's environment of forestland and ponds offers a comfortable New England lifestyle just thirty-five minutes away from Providence.

In 1990, 9,227 people made Glocester their home. By 2000, this number had increased 7.8 percent to 9,948 people, evenly split between male and female residents. The local population remained predominately composed of English-speaking, White residents during this period, as minority groups accounted for just 1.5 percent of the total population in 2000.

Between 1990 and 2000, there was noticeable improvement in the educational attainment of Glocester residents. Of people 25 years and older, 16.8 percent had a bachelor degree and an additional 10.4 percent had an advanced degree. These levels were up from their 1990 levels of 14.8 percent and 8.6 percent, respectively. Also, the share of people without a high school diploma fell from 17.2 percent in 1990 to 13.1 percent in 2000.

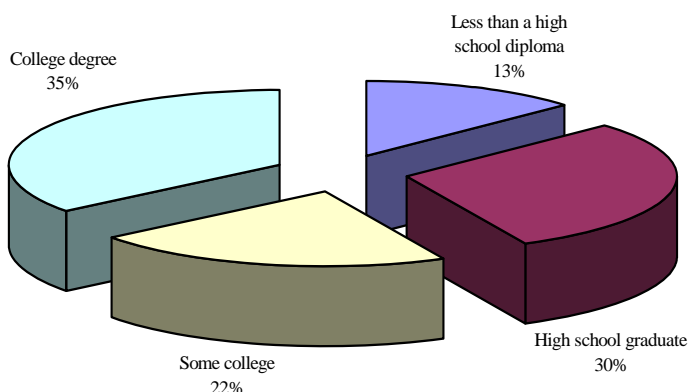
In 2000, 13.5 percent of the local workforce commuted out of state for employment, an increase of two percentage points over its 1990 level.

Between 2002 and 2004, 101 jobs were added to the local economy by Glocester's private sector employers. Contributing to this 10.3 percent job increase were businesses in the Accommodation & Food Services (+46), Administrative & Waste Services (+28), and Transportation & Warehousing (+14) sectors.

Information (-27), All Other Employment (-5), and Wholesale Trade (-4) were the only sectors to report local job losses during this period, with the Information sector losing 54 percent of its workforce.

Of the 6,324 Glocester residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 3.8 percent was unemployed.

**Educational Attainment, 2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,227</b>	<b>9,948</b>
Male	4,556	4,974
Female	4,671	4,974
16 years +	6,939	7,584
25 years +	5,854	6,646
65 years +	797	915
White	9,162	9,797
Black/African American	33	34
American Indian & Alaskan Native	13	15
Asian & Pacific Islander	16	24
Some other race	3	10
Two or more races	-	68
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	46	65

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>5,854</b>	<b>6,607</b>
< 9th grade	5.1%	3.6%
9th-12th, no diploma	12.1%	9.5%
High School Graduate	32.7%	29.7%
Some College, no degree	17.8%	21.6%
Associate Degree	8.9%	8.4%
Bachelor Degree	14.8%	16.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	8.6%	10.4%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$57,537</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>6,358</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	6,352	99.9%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	6	0.1%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,080</b>
Construction	111	124
Manufacturing	24	26
Wholesale Trade	13	9
Retail Trade	201	208
Transportation & Warehousing	59	73
Information	50	23
Financial Activities	24	29
Professional & Technical Services	5	11
Administrative & Waste Services	35	63
Educational Services	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	269	280
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	*	*
Accommodation & Food Services	126	172
Other Services	33	38
All Other Employment	11	6

# Hopkinton

Hopkinton, incorporated in 1757, comprises part of Rhode Island's western border with Connecticut. Numerous settlements developed along the rivers and tributaries flowing through the area and gave rise to villages with their own unique characteristics. Today, Hopkinton largely remains a rural community offering a variety of outdoor activities, including camping, canoeing, and fishing.

Hopkinton reported a 14 percent growth in total population between 1990 and 2000, adding 963 people. During this period, the community remained predominately composed of English-speaking, White residents.

The percent of Hopkinton residents 25 years and older without a high school diploma fell from 20.5 percent in 1990 to 13.4 percent in 2000. By the end of this period, nearly 15 percent of the local population had a bachelor degree and 6.7 percent had an advanced degree, while an additional 20.8 percent of local residents had completed some college-level courses.

In 2000, 29.9 percent of local workers commuted outside of Rhode Island for employment, the fourth highest rate reported in the Ocean State.

Hopkinton reported a loss of 28 jobs (-2.3%) between 2002 and 2004. The Accommodation & Food Services sector lost 26 jobs, while Administrative & Waste Services lost half of their employment, shedding 21 positions.

Meanwhile, the Other Services sector more than doubled their employment total, increasing the workforce by 35 individuals, from 67 workers in 2002 to 102 in 2004.

Of the 4,773 Hopkinton residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.8 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,873</b>	<b>7,836</b>
Male	3,410	3,912
Female	3,463	3,924
16 years +	5,216	6,068
25 years +	4,399	5,321
65 years +	763	866
White	6,775	7,587
Black/African American	19	48
American Indian & Alaskan Native	61	70
Asian & Pacific Islander	17	34
Some other race	1	21
Two or more races	-	76
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	45	83

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>5,321</b>
< 9th grade	6.1%	3.8%
9th-12th, no diploma	14.4%	9.6%
High School Graduate	38.7%	36.8%
Some College, no degree	17.2%	20.8%
Associate Degree	5.4%	7.5%
Bachelor Degree	13.4%	14.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	4.9%	6.7%

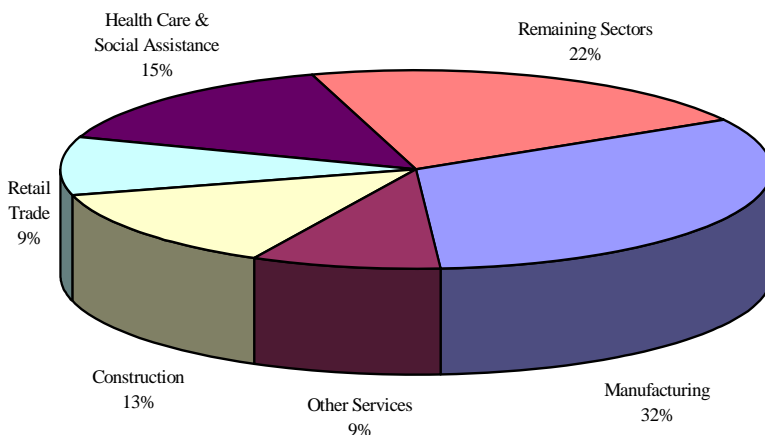
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$36,737</b>	<b>\$52,181</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>29.9%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>4,967</b>	<b>4,967</b>
Speak English	4,959	99.8%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	8	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>1,166</b>
Construction	147	156
Manufacturing	385	375
Wholesale Trade	18	13
Retail Trade	108	109
Transportation & Warehousing	*	21
Information	16	14
Financial Activities	22	15
Professional & Technical Services	27	23
Administrative & Waste Services	42	21
Educational Services	*	-
Health Care & Social Assistance	174	173
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	68	72
Accommodation & Food Services	81	55
Other Services	67	102
All Other Employment	17	17

Private Sector Employment, 2004



# Jamestown

Jamestown is located on Conanicut Island in Narragansett Bay, connected to the mainland by the Jamestown-Verrazano Bridge and to Aquidneck Island via the Newport/Pell Bridge. Once a sacred burial site for the Narragansett Indians, Jamestown was sold to English settlers in 1657. Nearly 350 years later, Jamestown remains a lightly-developed community with a distinct New England charm, where historic structures coexist with modern buildings. Beautiful parks and rocky shoreline, including the historic lighthouse at Beavertail, make Jamestown a popular destination for all.

Jamestown's population grew by 623 residents during the 1990's, a 12.5 percent increase. In 2000, more than 5,600 people made the island community their home. During this period, Jamestown remained predominately composed of English-speaking White residents, as no single minority group accounted for more than fifty people.

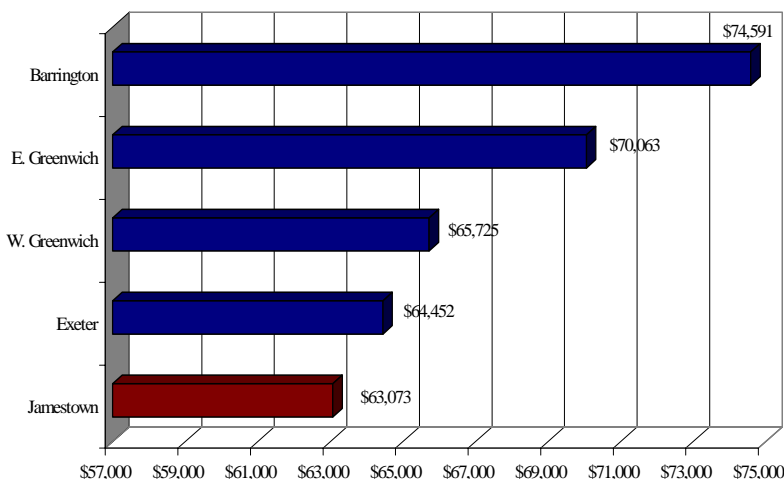
Jamestown also experienced an increase in college-educated residents during the period. In 2000, more than 26 percent of residents age 25 years and older had a bachelor degree and an additional 19.3 percent had an advanced degree. Also, local residents without a high school diploma fell from 11 percent in 1990 to just 6.8 percent in 2000.

The private sector workforce in Jamestown decreased by 19 jobs between 2002 and 2004, a 2.0 percent decline. Accommodation & Food Services, the town's largest employment sector in 2004, reported a loss of 63 jobs, while Retail Trade (-26) and Health Care & Social Assistance (-21) also reported job losses.

Job gains were noted in the Financial Activities (+42), Construction (+23), and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+11), sectors during this period.

Of the 3,205 Jamestown residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 3.7 percent was unemployed.

**Highest Median Household Incomes in RI, 1999**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>4,999</b>	<b>5,622</b>
Male	2,460	2,733
Female	2,539	2,889
16 years +	3,962	4,551
25 years +	3,520	4,142
65 years +	650	828
White	4,938	5,484
Black/African American	32	44
American Indian & Alaskan Native	12	12
Asian & Pacific Islander	10	22
Some other race	7	13
Two or more races	-	47
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	45	50

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>4,160</b>
< 9th grade	2.8%	2.7%
9th-12th, no diploma	8.2%	4.1%
High School Graduate	23.9%	19.6%
Some College, no degree	18.1%	21.4%
Associate Degree	5.3%	6.5%
Bachelor Degree	23.1%	26.4%
Graduate/Professional Degree	18.6%	19.3%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$41,518</b>	<b>\$63,073</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	3,492	98.7%
Speak Spanish	29	0.8%
Speak Other Indo-European	10	0.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	6	0.2%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>952</b>
Construction	70	93
Manufacturing	*	31
Wholesale Trade	25	32
Retail Trade	153	127
Transportation & Warehousing	*	8
Information	*	*
Financial Activities	28	70
Professional & Technical Services	80	80
Administrative & Waste Services	35	32
Educational Services	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	139	118
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	102	113
Accommodation & Food Services	218	155
Other Services	64	67
All Other Employment	15	19

# Johnston

Johnston offers a suburban lifestyle just west of the Providence area. Primarily a farming community until the mid-1800's, industrialization soon led to the development of new business opportunities. Today, Johnston enjoys a diverse economy with significant levels of employment in the Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Financial Activities, and Health Care sectors.

Johnston's total population increased by more than six percent between 1990 and 2000, adding 1,653 residents. During this period, the local Hispanic/Latino community tripled in size, but still accounted for just two percent of the population in 2000. The Asian & Pacific Islander population became Johnston's largest racial minority group, as its population doubled in size during the ten year period.

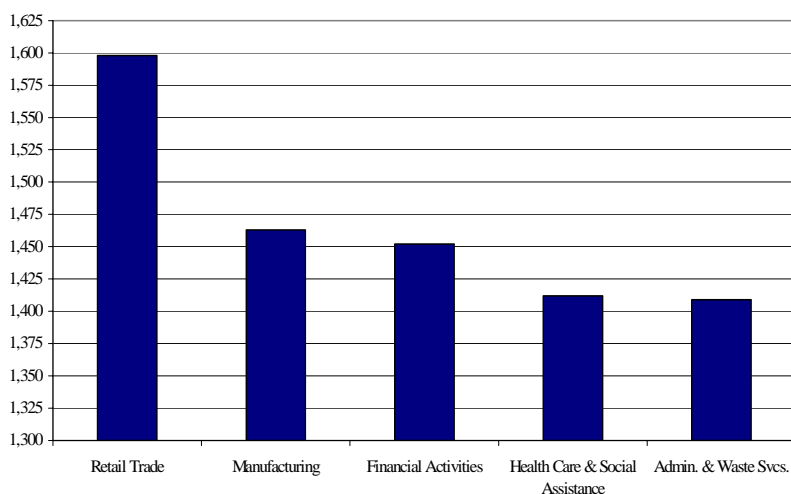
Improvements in the community's educational attainment were reported on all levels of schooling. Between 1990 and 2000, the share of residents 25 years and older without a high school diploma fell 11 percentage points to 22 percent, while the percent of residents with college degrees increased from 19 percent of the population to nearly 27 percent by 2000.

Johnston's private sector employers added 487 jobs to the local economy between 2002 and 2004, a 4.6 percent increase. Administrative & Waste Services added 514 jobs (+57.4%), the largest sector gain numerically and on a percentage basis. Financial Activities (+261) and Retail Trade (+142) also reported notable job growth during this period.

Manufacturing employment declined in Johnston by 327 jobs between 2002 and 2004, an 18.3 percent decrease. Wholesale Trade (-188) lost 28.9 percent of its workforce, the largest employment decline on a percentage basis. The Construction sector also reported a significant decline of 144 jobs.

Of the 15,642 Johnston residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.7 percent was unemployed.

**Top Employers by Industry Sector, 2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>26,542</b>	<b>28,195</b>
Male	12,648	13,214
Female	13,894	14,981
16 years +	21,786	22,876
25 years +	18,727	20,519
65 years +	4,567	5,315
White	26,193	27,254
Black/African American	151	184
American Indian & Alaskan Native	23	37
Asian & Pacific Islander	150	318
Some other race	25	155
Two or more races	-	247
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	175	533

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>18,727</b>	<b>20,579</b>
< 9th grade	10.7%	6.1%
9th-12th, no diploma	22.5%	15.8%
High School Graduate	32.3%	34.2%
Some College, no degree	15.3%	17.1%
Associate Degree	5.7%	8.8%
Bachelor Degree	9.3%	12.3%
Graduate/Professional Degree	4.1%	5.7%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$32,596</b>	<b>\$43,514</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>16,963</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	16,754	98.8%
Speak Spanish	64	0.4%
Speak Other Indo-European	124	0.7%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	21	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>10,517</b>	<b>11,004</b>
Construction	930	786
Manufacturing	1,790	1,463
Wholesale Trade	651	463
Retail Trade	1,456	1,598
Transportation & Warehousing	193	239
Information	482	408
Financial Activities	1,191	1,452
Professional & Technical Services	238	331
Administrative & Waste Services	895	1,409
Educational Services	32	25
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,299	1,412
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	34	28
Accommodation & Food Services	786	855
Other Services	460	472
All Other Employment	80	63

# Lincoln

Lincoln was originally settled in the mid-seventeenth century and incorporated in 1871. Once a farm-based community and later an early participant in America's industrialization, Lincoln's economy has since diversified into various economic sectors. Lincoln offers a wide variety of recreational and outdoor activities, and plays host to the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI).

Between 1990 and 2000, Lincoln's total population increased by 15.8 percent, the fifth highest percentage gain in Rhode Island. The community's Asian & Pacific Islander population, Lincoln's largest racial minority group, nearly doubled in size during this period, while the local Hispanic/Latino population increased by 87 percent during this period.

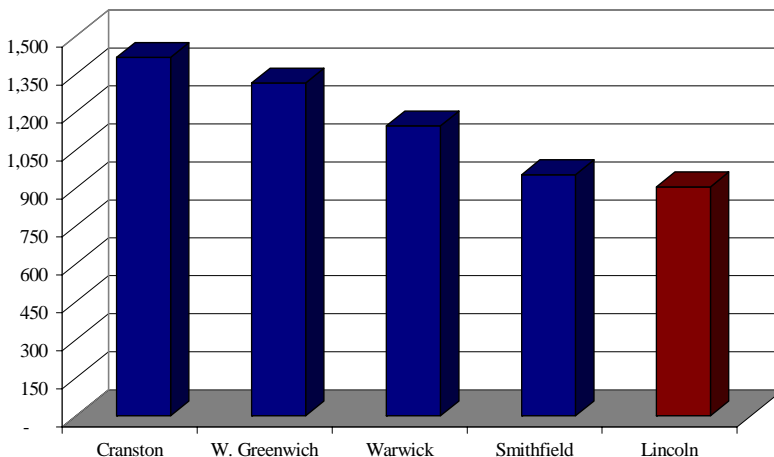
Improvements in the educational attainment levels of Lincoln residents 25 years and older was notable during the period. The share of residents with a bachelor degree increased by nearly 3 percentage points during the 1990's, and 13.1 percent of the local population had an advanced degree by 2000. Meanwhile, the share of residents without a high school diploma decreased by 5.7 percentage points.

Between 2002 and 2004, private sector employers added 904 jobs (+7.8%) to the local economy, the fifth highest gain of its kind in Rhode Island. Manufacturing (+295), Construction (+287), and Health Care & Social Assistance (+249) combined to add over 800 positions. The increase in Manufacturing employment allowed it to become the town's largest employment sector in 2004.

On the negative side, the Retail Trade (-226) and Information (-102) sectors lost sizable employment between 2002 and 2004, while the Financial Activities sector reported a modest decline of 36 jobs. The Information sector lost the most jobs on a percentage basis, losing over 31 percent of its employment.

Of the 12,188 Lincoln residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.4 percent was unemployed.

**Top Employment Gains by Community, 2002-2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>18,045</b>	<b>20,898</b>
Male	8,553	9,946
Female	9,492	10,952
16 years +	14,637	16,311
25 years +	12,613	14,515
65 years +	3,240	3,444
White	17,735	19,967
Black/African American	41	176
American Indian & Alaskan Native	14	16
Asian & Pacific Islander	189	368
Some other race	66	134
Two or more races	-	237
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	183	343

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>12,647</b>	<b>14,462</b>
< 9th grade	8.5%	7.2%
9th-12th, no diploma	15.4%	11.0%
High School Graduate	29.5%	25.9%
Some College, no degree	16.1%	18.3%
Associate Degree	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor Degree	13.9%	16.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	8.7%	13.1%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$37,082</b>	<b>\$47,815</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>12,335</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	12,177	98.7%
Speak Spanish	10	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	117	0.9%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	31	0.3%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>11,534</b>	<b>12,438</b>
Construction	548	835
Manufacturing	2,561	2,856
Wholesale Trade	451	460
Retail Trade	1,040	814
Transportation & Warehousing	302	300
Information	324	222
Financial Activities	2,822	2,786
Professional & Technical Services	587	653
Administrative & Waste Services	432	455
Educational Services	44	51
Health Care & Social Assistance	830	1,079
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	886	1,007
Accommodation & Food Services	425	498
Other Services	173	197
All Other Employment	109	225

# Little Compton

The traditional New England town of Little Compton is a rural-farming community bordered on the west by the Sakonnet River, sharing its eastern border with Westport, Massachusetts. Known as the birthplace of the famous Rhode Island Red, the State's official bird, Little Compton also plays host to the award-winning Sakonnet Vineyards and Gray's, one of the nation's oldest continuously operated stores.

Little Compton's population increased by 254 (+7.6%) residents between 1990 and 2000. The Town remained primarily composed of English-speaking, White residents during this period, as minority groups accounted for less than 2 percent of the population.

An increasing number of Little Compton residents attained college degrees between 1990 and 2000. In 1990, more than 39 percent of the local population had a college degree. By 2000, this rate had increased to nearly 54 percent. Meanwhile, the share of residents without a high school diploma fell from 14 percent in 1990 to just 9 percent in 2000.

The share of local residents commuting out of state for work fell from 32.4 percent in 1990 to 29.5 percent in 2000.

Between 2002 and 2004, Little Compton added just 24 jobs, but that modest figure accounted for a 5.1 percent increase in private sector employment. Financial Activities (+30), Construction (+16) and Other Services (+10) led all sectors in employment gains.

The Accommodation & Food Services (-10), Administrative & Waste Services (-8), and Manufacturing (-5) sectors reported minimal job losses during this period, though the Administrative & Waste Services sector lost 25.8 percent of its workforce.

Of the 1,992 Little Compton residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.2 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>3,593</b>
Male	1,667	1,772
Female	1,672	1,821
16 years +	2,689	2,869
25 years +	2,329	2,629
65 years +	545	637
White	3,311	3,548
Black/African American	1	2
American Indian & Alaskan Native	6	7
Asian & Pacific Islander	18	11
Some other race	3	2
Two or more races	-	23
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	11	31

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>2,604</b>
< 9th grade	5.1%	3.8%
9th-12th, no diploma	8.9%	5.2%
High School Graduate	26.8%	22.1%
Some College, no degree	19.8%	15.3%
Associate Degree	5.8%	8.6%
Bachelor Degree	23.7%	25.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	10.0%	19.2%

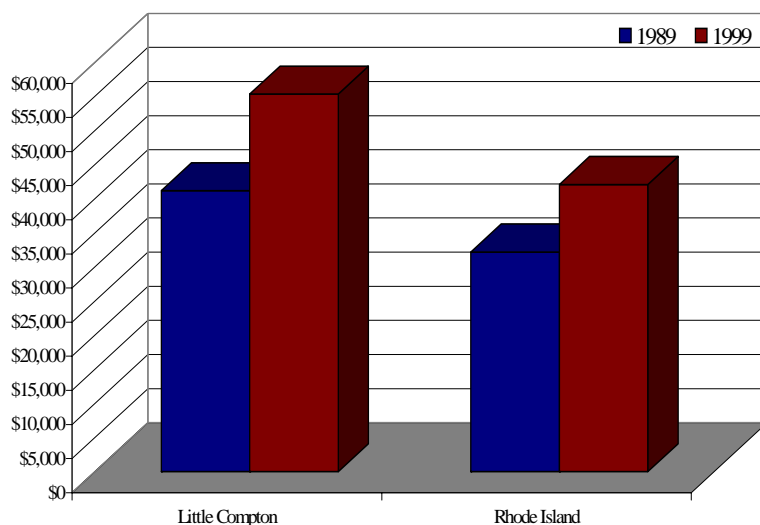
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$41,187</b>	<b>\$55,368</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>32.4%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	2,160	99.7%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	7	0.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>494</b>
Construction	116	132
Manufacturing	45	40
Wholesale Trade	5	*
Retail Trade	25	21
Transportation & Warehousing	*	*
Information	*	-
Financial Activities	10	40
Professional & Technical Services	20	16
Administrative & Waste Services	31	23
Educational Services	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	*	18
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	50	52
Accommodation & Food Services	75	65
Other Services	37	47
All Other Employment	37	36

Median Household Income, 1989 and 1999



# Middletown

Middletown, situated between Newport and Portsmouth on Aquidneck Island, is surrounded by three bodies of water: Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island Sound and the Sakonnet River. The community, composed of beautiful beaches, parks, rock formations, and wildlife sanctuaries, offers a taste of the New England lifestyle.

Middletown was one of seven Rhode Island communities to experience a decrease in total population during the 1990-2000 period, losing 2,126 (-10.9%) residents. This represented both the largest numerical and percentage decline in Rhode Island, with population declines noted among all racial groups.

Improvements in the educational attainment levels of Middletown residents was noted during the period. The percentage of residents with a bachelor degree increased from 17.2 percent in 1990 to 22.6 percent in 2000. Similarly, Middletown residents with an advanced degree jumped five percentage points, to 15.6 percent, by the end of the 1990's.

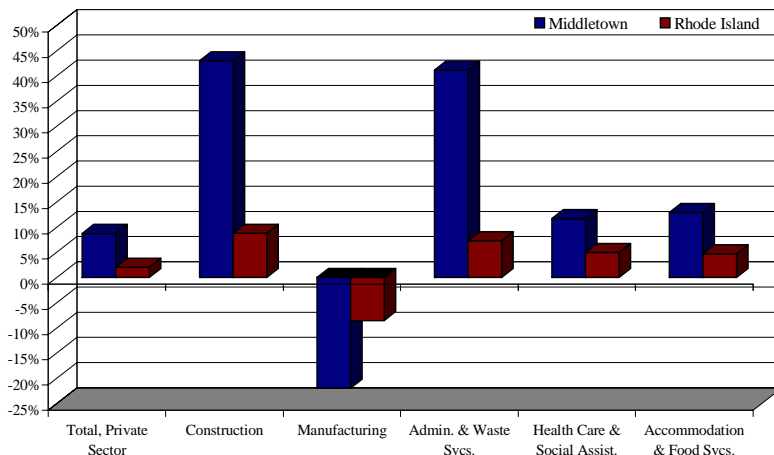
In 1999, Middletown's median household income value of \$51,075 was nearly \$9,000 higher than the statewide average. It was also 45 percent higher than the island community's 1989 median household income value of \$35,228.

In 2000, 4.5 percent of local workers commuted out of state for employment -- the second lowest rate in Rhode Island.

Middletown's private sector employers added 813 jobs (+8.7%) to the local economy between 2002 and 2004. Most of this growth was reported in the Professional & Technical Services (+222), Accommodation & Food Services (+172) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+164) sectors. Sizable job declines were reported in Manufacturing (-122) sector, while the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-26) and Other Services (-20) sectors reported modest job losses.

Of the 8,560 Middletown residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.6 percent was unemployed.

**Percent Change in Employment, 2002-2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>19,460</b>	<b>17,334</b>
Male	10,280	8,434
Female	9,180	8,900
16 years +	15,232	13,463
25 years +	12,174	11,856
65 years +	2,305	2,579
White	17,904	15,448
Black/African American	895	819
American Indian & Alaskan Native	63	62
Asian & Pacific Islander	410	397
Some other race	188	186
Two or more races	-	422
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	531	508

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>12,147</b>	<b>11,900</b>
< 9th grade	5.7%	2.7%
9th-12th, no diploma	9.3%	6.8%
High School Graduate	31.7%	25.7%
Some College, no degree	19.9%	19.4%
Associate Degree	5.8%	7.2%
Bachelor Degree	17.2%	22.6%
Graduate/Professional Degree	10.3%	15.6%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$35,228</b>	<b>\$51,075</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>10,521</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	10,448	99.3%
Speak Spanish	14	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	42	0.4%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	17	0.2%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>9,306</b>	<b>10,119</b>
Construction	300	429
Manufacturing	555	433
Wholesale Trade	252	251
Retail Trade	1,521	1,551
Transportation & Warehousing	62	59
Information	296	309
Financial Activities	586	590
Professional & Technical Services	1,450	1,672
Administrative & Waste Services	248	350
Educational Services	369	372
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,404	1,568
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	179	153
Accommodation & Food Services	1,335	1,507
Other Services	593	573
All Other Employment	156	302

# Narragansett

The Town of Narragansett, once littered with grand hotels and waterfront cottages, was a summer resort for the wealthy until the 1920's. The Towers of the old Narragansett Casino pay homage to that golden era. Today, the community remains a popular destination for Rhode Islanders and tourists who seek its beaches, camping areas, and relaxed atmosphere.

Narragansett is host to the Narragansett Bay Campus of the University of Rhode Island, with its renowned Graduate School of Oceanography and the Coastal Institute on Narragansett Bay.

Between 1990 and 2000, Narragansett added 1,376 people to its total population, a 9.2 percent increase. The seaside community remained predominately composed of White residents, who accounted for 96 percent of the total population in 2000.

Educational attainment in Narragansett improved during this period. In 1990, 12.8 percent of residents age 25 years and older did not have a high school diploma. By 2000, that percentage had fallen to less than 9 percent. In 2000, 24.2 percent of Town residents had a bachelor degree and 17.6 percent had an advanced degree.

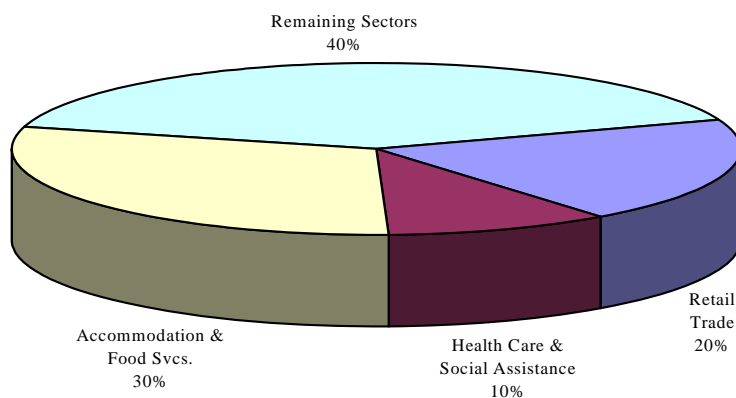
Narragansett was one of eleven Ocean State communities to experience a decline in total private sector employment between 2002 and 2004, losing 44 jobs overall, a 1.3 percent decrease. Eight sectors reported modest job declines, including the Administrative & Waste Services (-38), Retail Trade (-27), and Professional & Technical Services (-22) sectors.

Employment gains during this period were modest as well - the largest gains occurred in Transportation & Warehousing (+36), Other Services (+28), and Financial Activities (+25).

By 2004, Leisure & Hospitality employment (Arts & Entertainment and Accommodation & Food Services) accounted for more than one-third of total private sector jobs in Narragansett, while an additional one-fifth of local jobs were in Retail Trade.

Of the 9,985 Narragansett residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 3.6 percent was unemployed.

**Private Sector Employment, 2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>14,985</b>	<b>16,361</b>
Male	7,367	7,951
Female	7,618	8,410
16 years +	12,436	13,908
25 years +	9,040	10,321
65 years +	1,621	2,216
White	14,558	15,680
Black/African American	123	122
American Indian & Alaskan Native	141	148
Asian & Pacific Islander	132	127
Some other race	31	55
Two or more races	-	229
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	155	204

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>9,106</b>	<b>10,356</b>
< 9th grade	3.5%	2.1%
9th-12th, no diploma	9.3%	6.6%
High School Graduate	24.2%	22.5%
Some College, no degree	18.0%	18.0%
Associate Degree	7.9%	9.0%
Bachelor Degree	22.6%	24.2%
Graduate/Professional Degree	14.5%	17.6%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$35,545</b>	<b>\$50,363</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>11,464</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	11,433	99.7%
Speak Spanish	22	0.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	-	-
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	9	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>3,313</b>
Construction	132	145
Manufacturing	132	121
Wholesale Trade	108	97
Retail Trade	692	665
Transportation & Warehousing	96	132
Information	5	4
Financial Activities	114	139
Professional & Technical Services	160	138
Administrative & Waste Services	188	150
Educational Services	*	4
Health Care & Social Assistance	307	331
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	163	160
Accommodation & Food Services	970	978
Other Services	191	219
All Other Employment	33	30

# Newport

Settled in 1639, Newport was one of America's most important cities of the colonial era and a symbol of religious and political freedom. Known as the "Birthplace of the Navy" and the "Sailing Capital of the World," Newport plays host to a variety of important institutions, including the U.S. Naval War College, the International Tennis Hall of Fame, and Touro Synagogue, the oldest place of Jewish worship in the United States. Its hotels, restaurants, and numerous attractions make Newport a popular destination for travellers from around the world.

Newport's total population declined from 28,227 residents in 1990 to 26,475 in 2000, a 6.2 percent loss and the second highest percentage decline in Rhode Island. During this period, the number of White, Black/African American, and Asian & Pacific Islander residents declined. The Hispanic/Latino population nearly doubled in size, however, accounting for 5.5 percent of the local population in 2000.

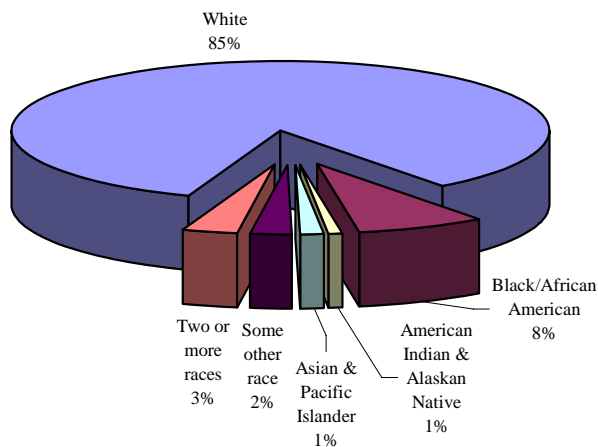
Between 1990 and 2000, the number of local residents with college degrees increased by 1,400. In 2000, more than 26 percent of those 25 years and older had earned a bachelor degree, while 15 percent had completed their advanced degree.

Total private sector employment in Newport changed little between 2002 and 2004, adding just 15 jobs during this period, a 0.1 percent increase. Financial Activities employment increased by 140, a 33.5 percent gain, the largest employment gain numerically and on a percentage basis. Other Services (+127) and Construction (+84) also added sizable employment.

Accommodation & Food Services, the city's largest employment sector in 2004, lost 128 (-3.6%) jobs between 2002 and 2004. Employment in the Administrative & Waste Services sector declined by 104 jobs (-17.7%), while Arts, Entertainment & Recreation employment dropped by 62 jobs (-5.8%).

Of the 13,581 Newport residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.8 percent was unemployed.

Population by Race, 2000



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>28,227</b>	<b>26,475</b>
Male	13,644	12,751
Female	14,583	13,724
16 years +	23,189	21,770
25 years +	17,826	17,415
65 years +	3,736	3,408
White	25,023	22,272
Black/African American	2,281	2,053
American Indian & Alaskan Native	210	225
Asian & Pacific Islander	399	376
Some other race	314	638
Two or more races	-	911
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	789	1,467

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>17,810</b>	<b>17,428</b>
< 9th grade	5.9%	4.5%
9th-12th, no diploma	9.9%	8.4%
High School Graduate	28.2%	21.4%
Some College, no degree	17.8%	18.7%
Associate Degree	5.9%	5.5%
Bachelor Degree	20.2%	26.3%
Graduate/Professional Degree	12.0%	15.1%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$30,534</b>	<b>\$40,669</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>17,806</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	17,542	98.5%
Speak Spanish	174	1.0%
Speak Other Indo-European	56	0.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	34	0.2%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>12,674</b>	<b>12,689</b>
Construction	444	528
Manufacturing	284	262
Wholesale Trade	210	171
Retail Trade	1,591	1,622
Transportation & Warehousing	262	247
Information	273	257
Financial Activities	418	558
Professional & Technical Services	808	878
Administrative & Waste Services	586	482
Educational Services	538	544
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,009	1,961
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,062	1,000
Accommodation & Food Services	3,580	3,452
Other Services	511	638
All Other Employment	98	89

# New Shoreham

The Town of New Shoreham is located on Block Island at the mouth of Long Island Sound. The island community is a popular destination for visitors from around the world, known for its boutiques, restaurants, and recreational activities.

Between 1990 and 2000, New Shoreham added 174 residents, a 20.8 percent increase. This growth brought the Town's total population, comprised mainly of White residents, to just over 1,000 people by the end of this period.

During this period, improvements were made in the educational attainment of New Shoreham residents. The percentage of residents 25 years and older with a bachelor degree increased from 26.5 percent in 1990 to 32.6 percent in 2000. The share of residents with an advanced degree also increased during this period, from 11 percent to 15.5 percent.

New Shoreham reported an increase of 29 jobs (+4.1%) between 2002 and 2004. Retail Trade (+15) and Other Services (+8) led all sectors in job growth, while both the Construction and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation sectors reported gains of five jobs each. Highlighting the importance of tourism to New Shoreham, it should be noted that more than 53 percent of local employment is in Leisure & Hospitality, and an additional 13.5 percent of private sector jobs are in Retail Trade industries.

Single digit job declines were reported between 2002 and 2004 in the Accommodation & Food Services (-9), Professional & Technical Services (-6) and Information (-4) sectors. The loss of six jobs in the Professional & Technical Services sector reduced its workforce by 35.3 percent.

New Shoreham's resident labor force averaged 1,048 in 2004, reflecting a range of 671 in February to 1,847 in July. The annual average unemployment rate for the island community was 6.7 percent in 2004.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>1,010</b>
Male	414	492
Female	422	518
16 years +	663	837
25 years +	611	778
65 years +	157	175
White	820	988
Black/African American	7	6
American Indian & Alaskan Native	1	-
Asian & Pacific Islander	7	8
Some other race	1	3
Two or more races	-	5
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	8	12

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>774</b>
< 9th grade	1.0%	0.8%
9th-12th, no diploma	5.0%	4.5%
High School Graduate	26.2%	19.4%
Some College, no degree	21.8%	18.5%
Associate Degree	8.5%	8.8%
Bachelor Degree	26.5%	32.6%
Graduate/Professional Degree	11.0%	15.5%

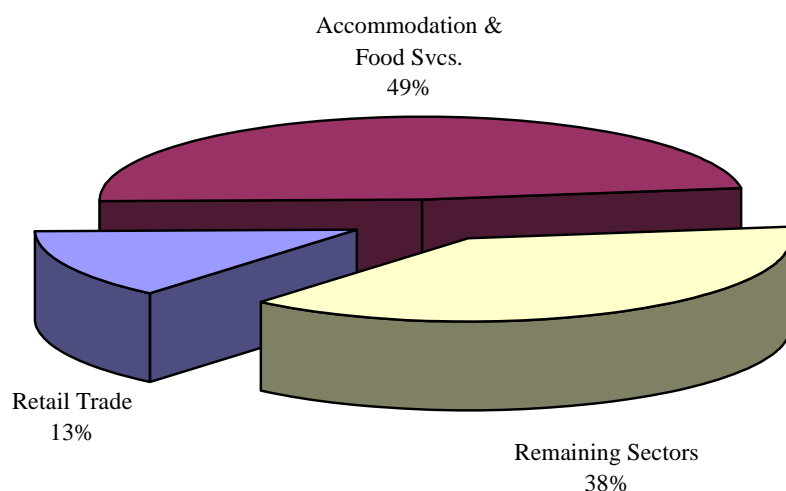
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$31,471</b>	<b>\$44,779</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	644	99.5%
Speak Spanish	3	0.5%
Speak Other Indo-European	-	-
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>742</b>
Construction	79	84
Manufacturing	*	11
Wholesale Trade	*	*
Retail Trade	85	100
Transportation & Warehousing	*	9
Information	14	10
Financial Activities	31	*
Professional & Technical Services	17	11
Administrative & Waste Services	32	32
Educational Services	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	*	13
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	31	36
Accommodation & Food Services	367	358
Other Services	14	22
All Other Employment	11	12

**Private Sector Employment, 2004**



# North Kingstown

Situated along picturesque Narragansett Bay, North Kingstown provides a pleasant blend of colonial charm and modern life. Known as the birthplace of the famous American painter Gilbert Stuart, North Kingstown has long served as a resort destination where visitors can enjoy its sandy beaches and various boating activities.

During the 1990's, North Kingstown added over 2,500 residents. In 1990, 23,786 people made the community their home. By 2000, this number had risen to 26,326, a 10.7 percent increase. This growth did not extend to the Town's Black/African American community - it was the only racial group to decline in number during this period. North Kingstown's Hispanic/Latino community increased by 212 people, an 84 percent increase.

Educational attainment showed signs of improvement during the 1990-2000 period. The percentage of residents 25 years and older without a high school diploma decreased from 13.8 percent in 1990 to 8.5 percent in 2000. Just under one-half (49%) of North Kingstown residents had a college degree in 2000, up from the 39 percent reported ten years earlier.

North Kingstown added 625 private sector jobs between 2002 and 2004, a 5.5 percent gain. Manufacturing, the largest employment sector in 2004, added 258 (+6.2%) jobs during this period. The Administrative & Waste Services (+200) and Other Services (+119) sectors also added sizeable employment.

The Retail Trade sector lost 11.7 percent of its workforce, dropping 269 jobs between 2002 and 2004. Meanwhile, Accommodation & Food Services (-74) and Wholesale Trade (-38) lost 7.0 percent and 10.2 percent of their workforce, respectively.

Of the 15,573 North Kingstown residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.0 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>23,786</b>	<b>26,326</b>
Male	11,604	12,750
Female	12,182	13,576
16 years +	18,283	20,200
25 years +	15,691	17,898
65 years +	2,831	3,105
White	23,045	25,196
Black/African American	310	256
American Indian & Alaskan Native	106	145
Asian & Pacific Islander	236	260
Some other race	89	139
Two or more races	-	330
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	253	465

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>15,811</b>	<b>17,833</b>
< 9th grade	4.1%	2.0%
9th-12th, no diploma	9.7%	6.5%
High School Graduate	28.5%	23.3%
Some College, no degree	19.1%	19.5%
Associate Degree	7.8%	8.4%
Bachelor Degree	19.2%	26.4%
Graduate/Professional Degree	11.6%	14.0%

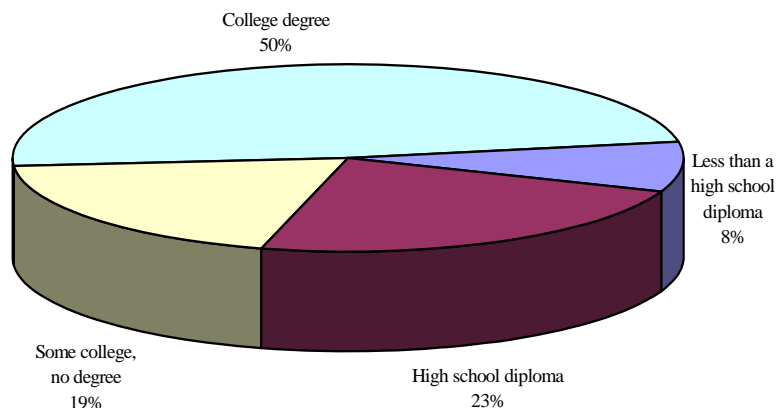
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$40,419</b>	<b>\$60,027</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>16,382</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	16,284	99.4%
Speak Spanish	41	0.3%
Speak Other Indo-European	35	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	22	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>11,412</b>	<b>12,037</b>
Construction	374	389
Manufacturing	4,168	4,426
Wholesale Trade	371	333
Retail Trade	2,294	2,025
Transportation & Warehousing	217	311
Information	127	159
Financial Activities	298	447
Professional & Technical Services	278	315
Administrative & Waste Services	113	313
Educational Services	103	72
Health Care & Social Assistance	950	1,017
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	211	213
Accommodation & Food Services	1,057	983
Other Services	277	396
All Other Employment	574	638

**Educational Attainment, 2000**



# North Providence

Centrally located in the Providence-metro area, the Town of North Providence offers a city lifestyle in a suburban setting. It is conveniently connected via highway to the Woonsocket and Providence metro areas.

North Providence's total population level changed little during the 1990's, numbering 32,411 residents by 2000. However, significant changes in the local population's racial and ethnic composition were reported. For example, between 1990 and 2000, the local Hispanic/Latino and Black/African American communities doubled in size.

Local educational levels seemed to improve between 1990 and 2000. The share of residents 25 years and older without a high school diploma fell 6.5 percentage points during this period, while the share of people with a college degree increased slightly to 27.6 percent.

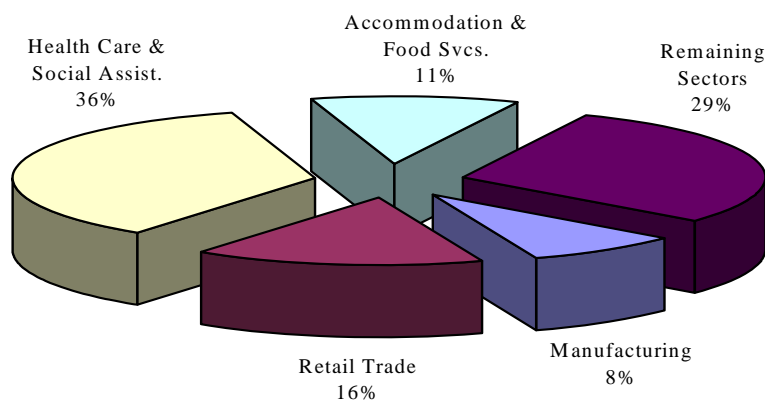
North Providence had a median household income of \$39,721 in 1999 - the seventh lowest median household income on a community basis in Rhode Island.

In 2000, 12.3 percent of local workers were employed out of state. This represented a 3.1 percentage point increase from its 1990 level of 9.2 percent.

North Providence was one of eleven communities to report a decline in total private sector employment between 2002 and 2004, shedding 70 jobs (-0.9%) overall. This was the fifth largest decline reported in the state. The local Administrative & Waste Services (-158), Manufacturing (-108), and Transportation & Warehousing (-49) sectors lost the most employees. However, Health Care & Social Assistance firms added 125 jobs (+4.7%) during this period, while the Accommodation & Food Services and Information sectors added 60 and 41 employees, respectively.

Of the 18,559 North Providence residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.1 percent was unemployed.

**Private Sector Employment, 2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>32,090</b>	<b>32,411</b>
Male	14,946	15,117
Female	17,144	17,294
16 years +	27,166	27,192
25 years +	23,074	24,029
65 years +	6,015	6,395
White	31,152	29,812
Black/African American	334	859
American Indian & Alaskan Native	33	55
Asian & Pacific Islander	378	605
Some other race	193	511
Two or more races	-	569
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	571	1,247

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>23,079</b>	<b>24,057</b>
< 9th grade	10.2%	5.6%
9th-12th, no diploma	19.0%	17.1%
High School Graduate	29.8%	30.5%
Some College, no degree	13.8%	19.2%
Associate Degree	6.8%	6.4%
Bachelor Degree	13.1%	13.5%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.3%	7.7%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$32,321</b>	<b>\$39,721</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>20,071</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	19,630	97.8%
Speak Spanish	176	0.9%
Speak Other Indo-European	170	0.8%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	73	0.4%
Speak Other Languages	22	0.1%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>7,855</b>	<b>7,785</b>
Construction	318	275
Manufacturing	748	640
Wholesale Trade	126	142
Retail Trade	1,218	1,215
Transportation & Warehousing	147	98
Information	31	32
Financial Activities	418	459
Professional & Technical Services	268	276
Administrative & Waste Services	629	471
Educational Services	14	20
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,642	2,767
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	124	128
Accommodation & Food Services	815	875
Other Services	345	365
All Other Employment	*	22

# North Smithfield

North Smithfield is located along Route 146, which connects the Providence and Worcester areas. Originally an agricultural community, North Smithfield soon took advantage of its surrounding waters and began industrializing. Both economic and population growth came as villages sprouted around the newly established mills. Today, North Smithfield's economy is composed of a variety of businesses, particularly in the Retail Trade, Manufacturing, and Health Care sectors.

North Smithfield's population changed little between 1990 and 2000. Just 121 people, mostly female, were added to the local population during this period. By 2000, 10,618 people made North Smithfield their home.

Change did occur in local educational attainment figures. In 1990, 28.5 percent of residents 25 years and older did not have a high school diploma. By 2000, this number had fallen to 17.8 percent. More than 35 percent of North Smithfield residents had a college degree in 2000, while an additional 19 percent reported the completion of some college-level courses.

Between 2002 and 2004, North Smithfield's private employers added 22 jobs to the local economy, a 0.6 percent increase. Job gains were noted in the Other Services (+43), Construction (+39), and Professional & Technical Services (+38) sectors.

Health Care & Social Assistance employment declined by 74 jobs (-8.5%), the largest decrease numerically and on a percentage basis. Retail Trade employment declined by 55, while Wholesale Trade reported a modest loss of 10 positions during this period.

Of the 6,120 North Smithfield residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.5 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>10,497</b>	<b>10,618</b>
Male	5,033	5,042
Female	5,464	5,576
16 years +	8,489	8,528
25 years +	7,314	7,639
65 years +	1,851	1,912
White	10,397	10,440
Black/African American	17	45
American Indian & Alaskan Native	5	22
Asian & Pacific Islander	69	55
Some other race	9	8
Two or more races	-	48
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	56	50

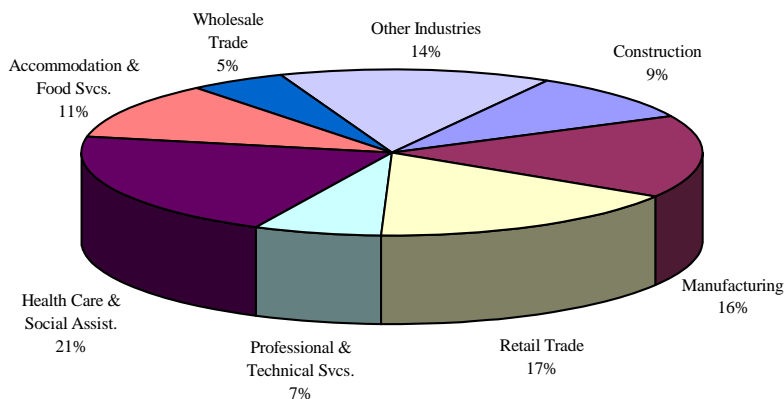
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>7,314</b>	<b>7,676</b>
< 9th grade	12.7%	6.4%
9th-12th, no diploma	15.8%	11.4%
High School Graduate	28.2%	27.0%
Some College, no degree	14.2%	19.4%
Associate Degree	8.3%	9.8%
Bachelor Degree	13.2%	16.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.6%	9.1%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$41,449</b>	<b>\$58,602</b>
<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>22.3%</b>

<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>6,294</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	6,242	99.2%
Speak Spanish	10	0.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	31	0.5%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	11	0.2%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>3,818</b>	<b>3,840</b>
Construction	320	359
Manufacturing	633	627
Wholesale Trade	200	190
Retail Trade	692	637
Transportation & Warehousing	162	179
Information	23	22
Financial Activities	109	105
Professional & Technical Services	213	251
Administrative & Waste Services	40	38
Educational Services	*	6
Health Care & Social Assistance	873	799
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10	17
Accommodation & Food Services	409	431
Other Services	71	114
All Other Employment	58	65

Private Sector Employment, 2004



# Pawtucket

Its strategic location along the falls of the Blackstone River and upper tidewaters of Narragansett Bay made Pawtucket a logical choice for Samuel Slater to build his famous mill in 1793, sparking America's Industrial Revolution. Faced with a declining manufacturing base in recent years, Pawtucket has become home to numerous trade and service-based industries.

Pawtucket experienced minor population growth during the 1990's, adding just 314 residents. However, local racial and ethnic diversity expanded significantly during this period, as the number of Black/African-American and Hispanic/Latino residents doubled in size. Nearly 10 percent of the population (18 to 64) primarily spoke languages other than English in 2000.

The share of Pawtucket residents 25 years and older holding advanced degrees rose from 4.1 percent in 1990 to 5.5 percent in 2000. Meanwhile, the percent of residents without a high school diploma declined to 33.8 percent during this period.

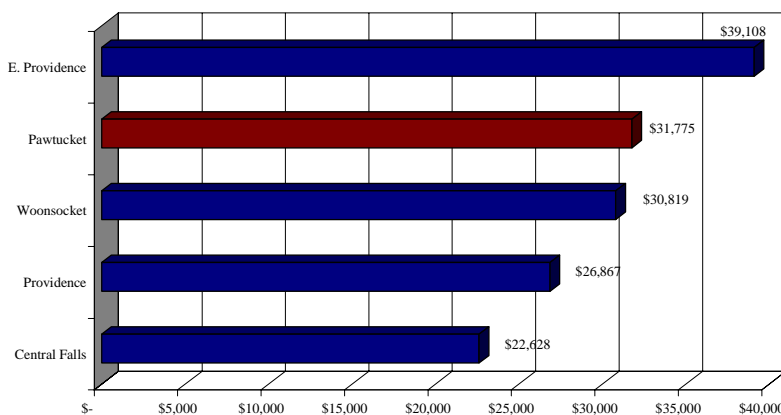
In 1999, Pawtucket's median household income of \$31,775 was well below the statewide median (\$42,090). Local income increased by less than 20 percent between 1989 and 1999 - the lowest percentage growth reported in Rhode Island.

Just over 23 percent of local residents commuted out of state for work in 2000, up nearly five percentage points from 1990.

Pawtucket's private sector lost 425 jobs (-1.6%) between 2002 and 2004, the second largest loss in Rhode Island. Much of this employment decline can be attributed to the Manufacturing sector, which reported a loss of 967 jobs (-12.9%). Retail Trade (-109) and Wholesale Trade (-89) businesses shed jobs as well. On a positive note, the Administrative & Waste Services (+275), Accommodation & Food Services (+234), and Financial Activities (+149) reported sizable job gains between 2002 and 2004, while the Educational Services (+65) sector increased its workforce by 24.2 percent.

Of the 37,320 Pawtucket residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 6.2 percent was unemployed.

**Lowest Median Household Incomes in RI, 1999**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>72,644</b>	<b>72,958</b>
Male	34,167	34,600
Female	38,477	38,358
16 years +	57,701	56,657
25 years +	48,394	48,189
65 years +	11,854	10,828
White	64,836	55,004
Black/African American	2,608	5,334
American Indian & Alaskan Native	203	217
Asian & Pacific Islander	472	663
Some other race	4,525	7,841
Two or more races	-	3,899
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,211	10,141

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>48,604</b>	<b>48,132</b>
< 9th grade	16.6%	13.0%
9th-12th, no diploma	21.8%	20.8%
High School Graduate	30.2%	30.0%
Some College, no degree	13.0%	15.3%
Associate Degree	5.3%	6.7%
Bachelor Degree	9.0%	8.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	4.1%	5.5%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$26,541</b>	<b>\$31,775</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>44,033</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	39,727	90.2%
Speak Spanish	2,325	5.3%
Speak Other Indo-European	1,855	4.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	96	0.2%
Speak Other Languages	30	0.1%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>26,167</b>	<b>25,742</b>
Construction	1,095	1,085
Manufacturing	7,525	6,558
Wholesale Trade	659	570
Retail Trade	2,362	2,253
Transportation & Warehousing	512	445
Information	1,084	1,019
Financial Activities	1,228	1,377
Professional & Technical Services	462	477
Administrative & Waste Services	1,729	2,004
Educational Services	269	334
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,086	5,058
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	335	315
Accommodation & Food Services	1,279	1,513
Other Services	1,341	1,425
All Other Employment	1,201	1,309

# Portsmouth

The Town of Portsmouth, considered the “Birthplace of American Democracy,” is rich in colonial and maritime history. The community is located on Aquidneck Island (along with Newport and Middletown) and situated between Narragansett Bay and the Sakonnet River. Along its 56 miles of beautiful shoreline, Portsmouth offers several beaches, golf courses and marinas for residents and vacationers to enjoy.

The total population of Portsmouth increased slightly during the 1990's, rising from 16,857 residents in 1990 to 17,149 in 2000. During this period, the community remained predominately composed of English-speaking, White residents. The largest minority group, Hispanic/Latino, accounted for just 249 residents by the end of this period.

The share of Portsmouth residents 25 years and older without a high school diploma fell from 13.7 percent in 1990 to 9.1 percent in 2000. This positive sign was coupled with a rising number of residents completing their college education, as 1,273 additional degrees were attained by the local population during this period. In 2000, 17 percent of Portsmouth residents had an advanced degree

In 2000, nearly 13 percent of local workers commuted to jobs outside of Rhode Island, 3.6 percentage points higher than reported in 1990.

Portsmouth added 23 private sector jobs between 2002 and 2004, a 0.4 percent increase. Manufacturing (+128) and Accommodation & Food Services (+87) reported large employment gains, while the Administrative & Waste Services sector doubled its employment during this period, adding 35 employees. The Construction (-221) sector lost 37.3 percent of its employment between 2002 and 2004.

Of the 9,426 Portsmouth residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 3.9 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>16,857</b>	<b>17,149</b>
Male	8,384	8,421
Female	8,473	8,728
16 years +	13,179	13,327
25 years +	11,373	11,971
65 years +	2,012	2,307
White	16,456	16,432
Black/African American	151	201
American Indian & Alaskan Native	41	33
Asian & Pacific Islander	178	240
Some other race	31	63
Two or more races	-	180
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	175	249

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>11,389</b>	<b>12,040</b>
< 9th grade	5.9%	3.4%
9th-12th, no diploma	7.8%	5.7%
High School Graduate	28.1%	23.6%
Some College, no degree	17.0%	17.7%
Associate Degree	6.5%	6.7%
Bachelor Degree	21.4%	25.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	13.2%	17.0%

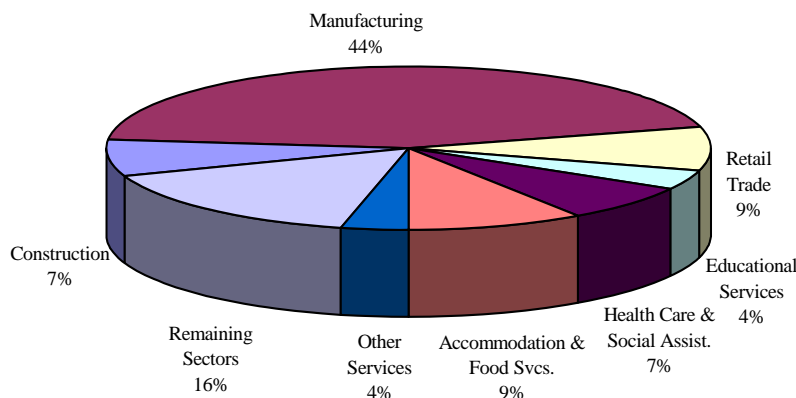
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$42,474</b>	<b>\$58,835</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>10,484</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	10,449	99.7%
Speak Spanish	14	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	21	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>5,228</b>
Construction	593	372
Manufacturing	2,184	2,312
Wholesale Trade	84	109
Retail Trade	474	459
Transportation & Warehousing	51	52
Information	56	59
Financial Activities	185	191
Professional & Technical Services	135	138
Administrative & Waste Services	70	105
Educational Services	227	204
Health Care & Social Assistance	368	374
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	125	120
Accommodation & Food Services	400	487
Other Services	166	188
All Other Employment	87	58

Private Sector Employment, 2004



# Providence

Providence, America's Renaissance City, serves as the state capital. Founded in 1636 by Roger Williams and located at the head of picturesque Narragansett Bay, the community now serves as the economic and cultural hub of southeastern New England. Its proximity to Boston and New York, along with world-class educational institutions, renowned restaurants, and diverse entertainment facilities have made Providence a desirable location for residence and business.

With more than 173,600 residents, Providence boasts the largest population of any community in Rhode Island. Between 1990 and 2000, total population grew by 8 percent, with the addition of 12,890 people. During this period, the local Hispanic/Latino community more than doubled in size, totaling 52,000 people by 2000. Nearly 13 percent of residents age 18 to 64 primarily speak languages other than English.

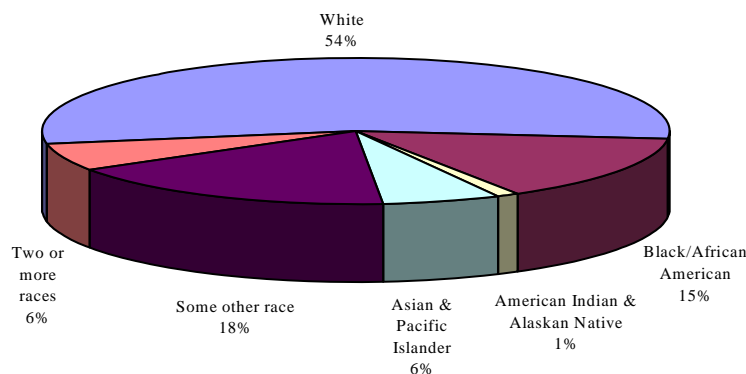
More than 34 percent of Providence residents 25 years and older did not have a high school diploma in 2000, down slightly from 37 percent in 1990. However, 29.1 percent of residents reported having a college degree in 2000, up 3.2 percentage points from its 1990 level.

Providence lost 247 jobs (-0.3%) between 2002 and 2004, the fourth highest loss of its kind in the Ocean State. Manufacturing employment was down over 18 percent, losing 1,656 jobs, while sizable job losses were also reported in Financial Activities (-575) and Information (-384). Transportation & Warehousing (-205) employment decreased by 22.5 percent, the largest decline on a percentage basis in the community.

On a positive note, Health Care & Social Assistance added 1,472 jobs, a 6.6 percent increase. By 2004, nearly one-quarter of local private sector employment was in this one sector. Educational Services (+596) also experienced notable employment growth during this period.

Of the 78,064 Providence residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 6.3 percent was unemployed.

Population by Race, 2000



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>160,728</b>	<b>173,618</b>
Male	76,439	83,035
Female	84,289	90,583
16 years +	126,088	133,072
25 years +	93,417	95,535
65 years +	21,802	18,155
White	112,404	94,666
Black/African American	23,828	25,243
American Indian & Alaskan Native	1,495	1,975
Asian & Pacific Islander	9,547	10,702
Some other race	13,454	30,477
Two or more races	-	10,555
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	24,982	52,146
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>93,957</b>	<b>96,154</b>
< 9th grade	16.4%	15.2%
9th-12th, no diploma	20.8%	19.0%
High School Graduate	25.0%	23.1%
Some College, no degree	11.8%	13.7%
Associate Degree	4.3%	4.7%
Bachelor Degree	12.0%	13.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	9.6%	11.3%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$22,147</b>	<b>\$26,867</b>
<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>110,047</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	95,992	87.2%
Speak Spanish	11,207	10.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	1,146	1.0%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	1,565	1.4%
Speak Other Languages	137	0.1%
<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>97,381</b>	<b>97,134</b>
Construction	2,834	2,686
Manufacturing	9,110	7,454
Wholesale Trade	2,541	2,437
Retail Trade	7,647	7,373
Transportation & Warehousing	912	707
Information	4,225	3,841
Financial Activities	8,157	7,582
Professional & Technical Services	6,002	6,116
Administrative & Waste Services	8,259	8,522
Educational Services	9,512	10,108
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,432	23,904
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	978	1,053
Accommodation & Food Services	8,069	8,377
Other Services	4,563	4,448
All Other Employment	2,140	2,526

# Richmond

The rural community of Richmond is comprised of several villages once dependant upon area mills, such as Hope Valley and Wyoming. Today, much of the local employment is concentrated in the Retail Trade, Accommodation & Food Services, and Manufacturing sectors. Richmond remains largely undeveloped and is home to the popular Washington County Fair held every August.

Richmond's population grew by 35 percent during the 1990's, increasing to more than 7,200 residents by 2000. This represented the second highest rate of population growth in Rhode Island. Richmond remains predominately composed of English-speaking, White residents, with no minority group accounting for more than 90 people.

Local educational attainment has showed signs of improvement. The share of the population age 25 years and older without a high school diploma fell from 19.1 percent in 1990 to 12.7 percent in 2000. By the end of this period, just under 35 percent of the local population had attained a college degree, up from 31 percent in 1990.

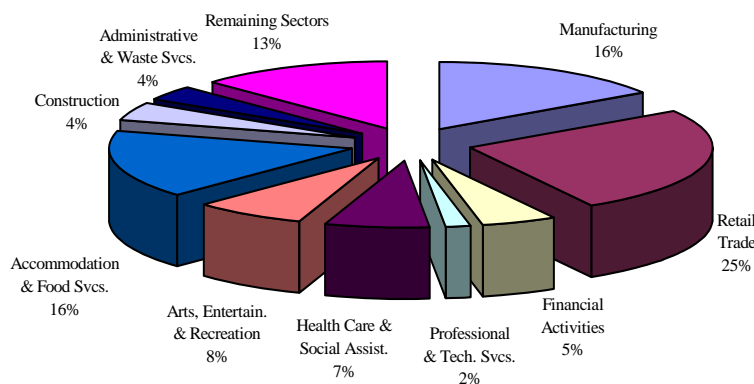
Fifteen percent of workers living in Richmond commuted out of state for employment in 2000, up slightly from its 1990 level of 13.6 percent.

Richmond's private sector employment increased by 2.9 percent between 2002 and 2004, with the addition of 38 jobs. Health Care & Social Assistance employment increased by 34 jobs (+58.6%), while Wholesale Trade (+20) firms increased their workforce by 91 percent, the largest gain on a percentage basis.

Retail Trade and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation lost 43 and 40 jobs, respectively. The Accommodation & Food Services sector reported a modest decline of 15 positions between 2002 and 2004.

Of the 4,303 Richmond residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 3.3 was unemployed, the lowest unemployment rate of all the cities and towns.

Private Sector Employment, 2004



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,351</b>	<b>7,222</b>
Male	2,719	3,623
Female	2,632	3,599
16 years +	3,950	5,396
25 years +	3,371	4,765
65 years +	397	509
White	5,223	7,003
Black/African American	23	29
American Indian & Alaskan Native	46	66
Asian & Pacific Islander	34	32
Some other race	25	14
Two or more races	-	78
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	48	89

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>4,751</b>
< 9th grade	5.1%	3.6%
9th-12th, no diploma	14.0%	9.1%
High School Graduate	30.3%	29.7%
Some College, no degree	19.5%	22.9%
Associate Degree	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor Degree	17.2%	16.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	6.9%	10.7%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$40,975</b>	<b>\$59,840</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>4,705</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	4,697	99.8%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	8	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1,343</b>
Construction	40	59
Manufacturing	202	213
Wholesale Trade	22	42
Retail Trade	389	346
Transportation & Warehousing	*	*
Information	*	*
Financial Activities	60	66
Professional & Technical Services	20	24
Administrative & Waste Services	35	50
Educational Services	-	-
Health Care & Social Assistance	58	92
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	142	102
Accommodation & Food Services	236	221
Other Services	34	45
All Other Employment	58	75

# Scituate

The tranquil, largely unspoiled rural environment of Scituate lies ten miles west of Providence. The community is home to the Ocean State's main supply of drinking water, the Scituate Reservoir.

Over 10,300 people made Scituate their home in 2000, up 5.4 percent from 1990. The community remained predominately composed of English-speaking, White residents during this period, with no other racial group accounting for more than 80 people.

The share of local residents 25 years and older without a high school diploma fell from 16.2 percent in 1990 to 12.8 percent in 2000. During this period, more than 600 college degrees were attained by the local population. By 2000, 20 percent of local residents had a bachelor degree and 11 percent had an advanced degree.

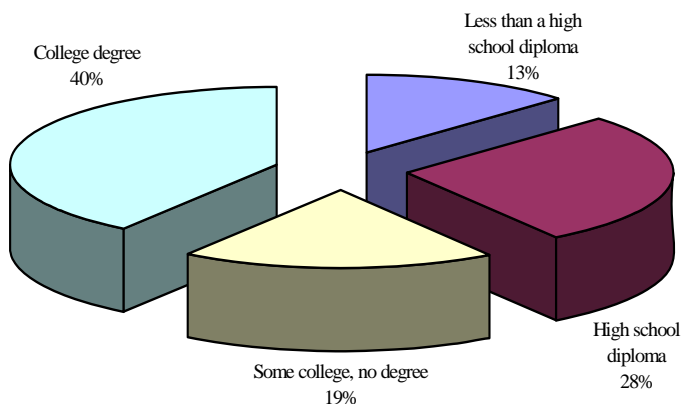
Scituate's median household income of \$60,788 in 1999 was the highest value measured in Providence County and the sixth highest in Rhode Island, well above the state median (\$42,090).

In 2000, 7.3 percent of local workers held jobs out of state, the lowest rate reported in Providence County.

Scituate's private sector added 145 jobs between 2002 and 2004. This 14.4 percent growth was the second highest in Rhode Island on a percentage basis. Retail Trade (+87) and Administrative & Waste Services (+48) led all sectors in job growth, while Financial Activities and Professional & Technical Services each added 20 jobs. Only two sectors, Health Care & Social Assistance (-64) and Manufacturing (-25), reported job losses. By 2004, nearly a quarter of total private sector jobs in Scituate were concentrated in Retail Trade industries, with an additional 13.1 percent in Construction and 11.6 percent in Health Care & Social Assistance industries.

Of the 6,337 Scituate residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.2 percent was unemployed.

**Educational Attainment, 2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,796</b>	<b>10,324</b>
Male	4,857	5,066
Female	4,939	5,258
16 years +	7,716	8,018
25 years +	6,521	7,081
65 years +	1,131	1,241
White	9,719	10,131
Black/African American	15	30
American Indian & Alaskan Native	2	7
Asian & Pacific Islander	47	63
Some other race	13	33
Two or more races	-	60
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	53	77

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>6,521</b>	<b>7,075</b>
< 9th grade	3.8%	3.5%
9th-12th, no diploma	12.4%	9.3%
High School Graduate	31.6%	27.7%
Some College, no degree	17.9%	19.2%
Associate Degree	7.0%	9.5%
Bachelor Degree	18.1%	19.7%
Graduate/Professional Degree	9.2%	11.2%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$45,170</b>	<b>\$60,788</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>6,448</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	6,428	99.7%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	20	0.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>1,149</b>
Construction	131	150
Manufacturing	99	74
Wholesale Trade	38	41
Retail Trade	197	284
Transportation & Warehousing	46	58
Information	32	32
Financial Activities	28	48
Professional & Technical Services	47	67
Administrative & Waste Services	49	97
Educational Services	13	13
Health Care & Social Assistance	197	133
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	*	*
Accommodation & Food Services	61	66
Other Services	52	63
All Other Employment	12	22

# Smithfield

Smithfield has changed greatly since its days as an agriculture and textile center. Although still known for its abundance of apple orchards, Smithfield has expanded its economic interests into the Financial Activities, Retail Trade, Health Care, and Accommodation & Food Services sectors. The community is also home to Bryant College, a nationally recognized private business school.

The community's population increased by 7.6 percent during the 1990's. In 1990, 19,163 people made Smithfield their home. By 2000, this number had increased to over 20,600 -- a gain of 1,450 people. Throughout this period, Smithfield remained predominately composed of White residents, accounting for 97 percent of the local population in 2000.

Of the local population 25 years and older, 14.6 percent did not have a high school diploma in 2000, down from 19.2 percent in 1990. During this period, the number of people with an advanced degree increased to 11.6 percent in 2000, while the share of residents with a bachelor degree edged up to 17.2 percent.

In 1999, Smithfield's median household income was \$55,621, well above the statewide median of \$42,090. This also represented a 30.8 percent increase over the community's 1989 median of \$42,523 - a growth rate in household income on par with Rhode Island as a whole.

Smithfield increased its private sector workforce by 9.0 percent, adding 952 jobs between 2002 and 2004. The reported job growth was the fourth largest employment growth in Rhode Island during this period. Significant employment gains were noted in Retail Trade (+449), as well as in the Accommodation & Food Services (+172) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+110) sectors. Manufacturing reported a decrease of 107 jobs between 2002 and 2004.

Of the 11,677 Smithfield residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.5 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>19,163</b>	<b>20,613</b>
Male	9,280	10,043
Female	9,883	10,570
16 years +	15,673	17,084
25 years +	11,600	13,471
65 years +	2,498	3,429
White	18,886	20,066
Black/African American	105	165
American Indian & Alaskan Native	24	25
Asian & Pacific Islander	128	186
Some other race	20	26
Two or more races	-	145
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	113	191

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>13,479</b>
< 9th grade	6.9%	4.4%
9th-12th, no diploma	12.3%	10.2%
High School Graduate	31.4%	27.6%
Some College, no degree	17.2%	19.5%
Associate Degree	7.0%	9.5%
Bachelor Degree	16.7%	17.2%
Graduate/Professional Degree	8.6%	11.6%

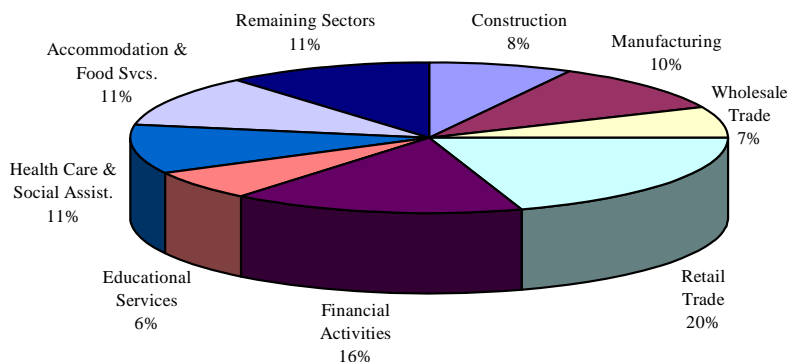
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$42,523</b>	<b>\$55,621</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>13,219</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	13,155	99.5%
Speak Spanish	37	0.3%
Speak Other Indo-European	23	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	4	0.03%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>10,587</b>	<b>11,539</b>
Construction	875	906
Manufacturing	1,313	1,206
Wholesale Trade	688	759
Retail Trade	1,870	2,319
Transportation & Warehousing	122	133
Information	148	139
Financial Activities	1,841	1,839
Professional & Technical Services	222	268
Administrative & Waste Services	215	295
Educational Services	715	712
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,135	1,245
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	52	50
Accommodation & Food Services	1,111	1,283
Other Services	264	329
All Other Employment	16	56

Private Sector Employment, 2004



# South Kingstown

With its beautiful shoreline and sandy beaches, South Kingstown has grown into a desirable residential and vacation community. Along with its rich colonial history, South Kingstown is home to the State's largest institution of public learning, the University of Rhode Island. Established in 1892 and covering 1,200 acres in the village of Kingston, URI is comprised of more than 14,000 students and 600 faculty statewide.

South Kingstown's total population increased by 13 percent during the 1990's, as the community added 3,290 residents. By 2000, total population had risen to nearly 28,000 people. Asian & Pacific Islander residents accounted for slightly more than 3 percent of the local population, or 874 people.

The community also experienced improvements in its educational attainment. In 1990, 14.5 percent of residents age 25 years and older did not have a high school diploma, falling to just 8.7 percent ten years later. The number of South Kingstown residents with a bachelor or advanced degree increased during the period as well, accounting for nearly 47 percent of local residents in 2000.

South Kingstown firms added 731 private sector jobs between 2002 and 2004, an 8.7 percent increase. Health Care & Social Assistance (+141), Retail Trade (+140), and Educational Services (+111) led all sectors in employment gains.

Manufacturing employment decreased by 80 workers between 2002 and 2004, a 9.1 percent decline. The Professional & Technical Services workforce decreased by 10.6 percent, losing 37 jobs, while Information sector jobs decreased by 15.6 percent (-26).

Of the 15,414 South Kingstown residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.3 percent was unemployed.

## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>24,631</b>	<b>27,921</b>
Male	11,790	13,268
Female	12,841	14,653
16 years +	20,383	22,335
25 years +	13,141	16,104
65 years +	2,800	3,248
White	23,000	25,440
Black/African American	362	437
American Indian & Alaskan Native	451	449
Asian & Pacific Islander	735	874
Some other race	83	203
Two or more races	-	518
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	306	493

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>13,110</b>	<b>16,149</b>
< 9th grade	4.6%	2.3%
9th-12th, no diploma	9.9%	6.4%
High School Graduate	23.8%	20.8%
Some College, no degree	16.5%	17.6%
Associate Degree	6.2%	6.0%
Bachelor Degree	19.6%	26.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	19.4%	19.9%

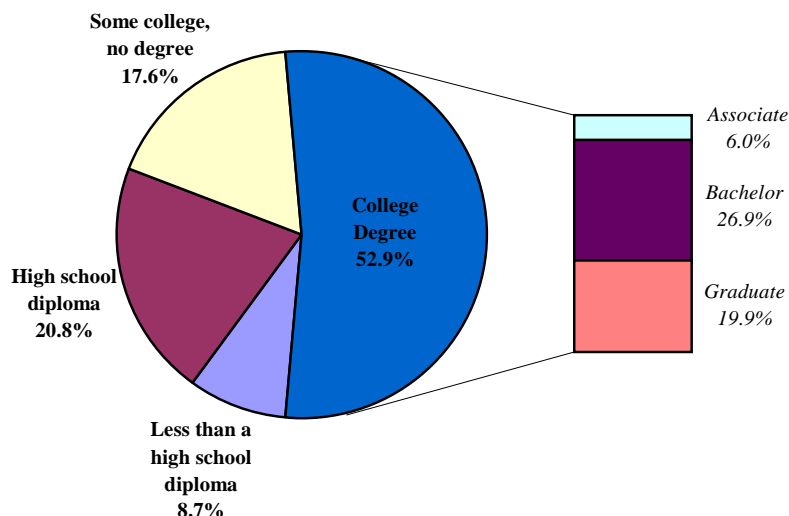
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$36,481</b>	<b>\$56,325</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>18,428</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	18,273	99.2%
Speak Spanish	56	0.3%
Speak Other Indo-European	20	0.1%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	79	0.4%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>8,414</b>	<b>9,145</b>
Construction	348	417
Manufacturing	876	796
Wholesale Trade	573	668
Retail Trade	1,368	1,508
Transportation & Warehousing	101	121
Information	167	141
Financial Activities	291	374
Professional & Technical Services	350	313
Administrative & Waste Services	223	257
Educational Services	109	220
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,946	2,087
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	188	198
Accommodation & Food Services	1,043	1,130
Other Services	721	763
All Other Employment	110	152

**Educational Attainment, 2000**



# Tiverton

Located along the eastern shore of the Sakonnet River, Tiverton once served as the hunting grounds of the Pocasset Indians. Incorporated by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Tiverton was annexed to Rhode Island in the mid-eighteenth century and has grown into a beautiful area to live and vacation.

Tiverton experienced a 6.6 percent growth in total population during the 1990's, rising to 15,260 residents by 2000. The local population has remained predominately White, accounting for 98 percent of residents in 2000.

During this period, the community's population showed improvement in educational attainment. The share of residents without a high school diploma decreased to 20.5 percent by 2000. Meanwhile, the number of Tiverton residents with a college degree increased by 881 people, as 31.2 percent of the local population had at least a two-year degree in 2000.

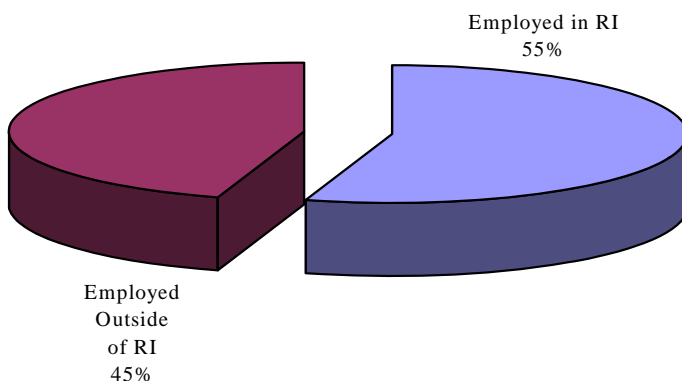
At just under \$50,000, Tiverton's 1999 median household income was well-above the statewide median (\$42,090) and 38 percent higher than the community's 1989 median (\$36,170).

Due to its proximity to Massachusetts, more than 45 percent of Tiverton workers were employed out of state in 2000, the highest rate of any community in Rhode Island.

Tiverton's private sector added 107 jobs (+5.2%) to the local economy between 2002 and 2004. Both the Accommodation & Food Services and Construction sectors experienced gains of 30 jobs during this period. Also, local Professional & Technical Services firms increased employment by 20 jobs, while the Wholesale Trade sector added 18 positions. Meanwhile, the Health Care & Social Assistance (-12), Retail Trade (-9) and Transportation & Warehousing (-4) sectors all reported minimal employment declines during this period.

Of the 8,689 Tiverton residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.3 percent was unemployed.

**Place of Employment, 2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>14,312</b>	<b>15,260</b>
Male	6,996	7,429
Female	7,316	7,831
16 years +	11,509	12,319
25 years +	9,825	10,993
65 years +	2,055	2,522
White	14,206	14,952
Black/African American	36	65
American Indian & Alaskan Native	20	26
Asian & Pacific Islander	46	64
Some other race	4	33
Two or more races	-	120
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	161	104

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>10,952</b>
< 9th grade	13.5%	8.5%
9th-12th, no diploma	16.1%	11.9%
High School Graduate	30.5%	29.6%
Some College, no degree	14.1%	18.7%
Associate Degree	6.8%	7.2%
Bachelor Degree	13.1%	14.7%
Graduate/Professional Degree	6.0%	9.3%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$36,170</b>	<b>\$49,977</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>45.2%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>9,373</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	9,254	98.7%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	119	1.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>2,153</b>
Construction	193	223
Manufacturing	75	78
Wholesale Trade	96	114
Retail Trade	601	592
Transportation & Warehousing	61	57
Information	*	*
Financial Activities	69	70
Professional & Technical Services	127	147
Administrative & Waste Services	69	78
Educational Services	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	350	338
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14	19
Accommodation & Food Services	189	219
Other Services	139	143
All Other Employment	58	73

# Warren

Warren, situated on beautiful Mount Hope Bay, was once a colonial-era industrial center built on privateering and shipbuilding. Today, the community offers a wide variety of employment choices, particularly in the Manufacturing, Accommodation & Food Services, and Health Care sectors.

Warren's total population decreased by just 25 people during the 1990's. Racial demographics show that the community remained primarily composed of English-speaking, White residents during this period.

Nearly eight percent of residents age 25 and older had attained a graduate/professional degree by 2000, up from 4.2 percent a decade earlier. The share of residents without a high school diploma fell to 23.2 percent in 2000, down 7.5 percentage points from its 1990 level.

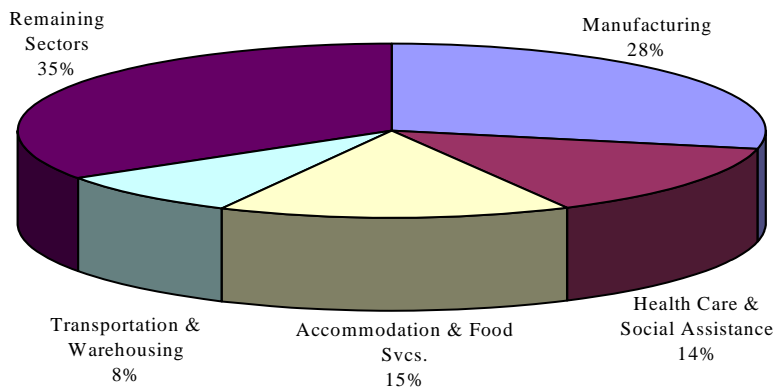
Warren had a median household income of \$41,285 in 1999, slightly below the statewide median (\$42,090). This was the lowest income value measured among Rhode Island's three Bristol County communities.

The share of Warren residents employed out of state increased 4.6 percentage points between 1990 and 2000, spurred by the community's location along the Massachusetts border. By the end of this period, 18.6 percent of local workers left Rhode Island for employment.

Warren gained 447 jobs (+12.0%) between 2002 and 2004. Financial Activities employment increased by 95 percent (+110), while Transportation & Warehousing (+109) and Wholesale Trade (+98) also reported sizable employment growth. Interestingly, the number of local Manufacturing jobs actually increased, rising to 1,175 jobs by 2004. This 4.6 percent increase is contrary to statewide trends, as Rhode Island's Manufacturing firms trimmed their workforce by 8.5 percent during the same period.

Of the 6,309 Warren residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.2 percent was unemployed.

**Private Sector Employment, 2004**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>11,385</b>	<b>11,360</b>
Male	5,398	5,394
Female	5,987	5,966
16 years +	9,196	9,199
25 years +	7,933	8,048
65 years +	2,005	2,034
White	11,277	10,999
Black/African American	35	94
American Indian & Alaskan Native	11	26
Asian & Pacific Islander	45	61
Some other race	17	33
Two or more races	-	147
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	137	106

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>7,933</b>	<b>8,029</b>
< 9th grade	14.1%	10.0%
9th-12th, no diploma	16.6%	13.1%
High School Graduate	31.7%	29.3%
Some College, no degree	16.4%	18.3%
Associate Degree	6.0%	6.3%
Bachelor Degree	11.1%	15.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	4.2%	7.7%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$31,637</b>	<b>\$41,285</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	6,766	98.7%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	90	1.3%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>3,717</b>	<b>4,164</b>
Construction	133	157
Manufacturing	1,123	1,175
Wholesale Trade	181	279
Retail Trade	320	271
Transportation & Warehousing	242	351
Information	48	46
Financial Activities	116	226
Professional & Technical Services	64	69
Administrative & Waste Services	101	139
Educational Services	*	61
Health Care & Social Assistance	564	579
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	31
Accommodation & Food Services	637	642
Other Services	137	134
All Other Employment	6	4

# Warwick

Warwick is strategically located along the I-95 corridor and is the starting point for I-295. It is home to the state's only major airport, T.F. Green, and offers a wide variety of retail shopping, including two large malls. Combined with its proximity to major regional centers, such as Boston and Hartford, Warwick has become "The Crossroads of Southern New England."

Warwick, Rhode Island's second most populated city, added just 381 residents between 1990 and 2000. The number of Asian & Pacific Islander (+583), Black/African American (+323) and American Indian & Alaskan Native (+30) residents all increased, along with a 62.4 percent population growth in the Hispanic/Latino community.

There was some moderate improvement noted in the educational attainment of Warwick residents. Of people 25 years and older, 8.4 percent had received an associate degree, 16.6 percent a bachelor degree, and 7.9 percent an advanced degree in 2000, up slightly from their 1990 levels. Also, the share of residents without a high school diploma declined to 15.0 percent in 2000.

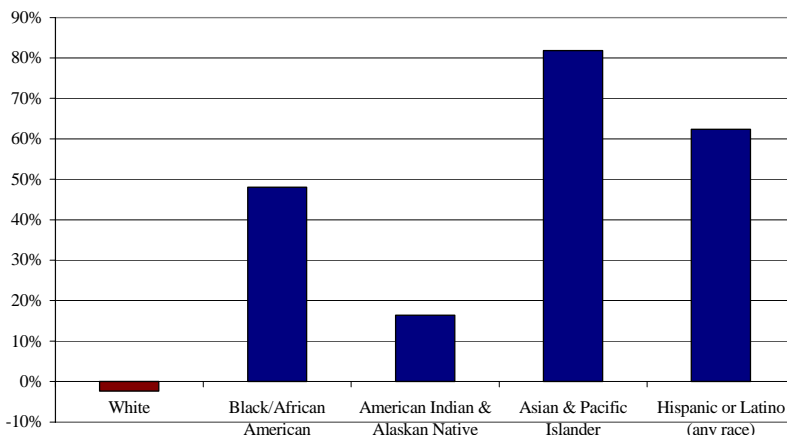
In 1999, Warwick reported a median household income value of \$46,483. This was the highest income recorded among Rhode Island's eight cities.

Warwick's private sector added 1,145 jobs (+2.5%) between 2002 and 2004, the third highest gain of its kind in Rhode Island. Financial Activities (+473), Construction (+455), and Professional & Technical Services (+252) were the catalyst behind local job growth. Meanwhile, Manufacturing lost a significant number of jobs, shedding 866 positions, or 15.6 percent of the existing workforce.

Thanks to its two malls and concentration of shopping plazas along Route 2, Warwick has more Retail Trade jobs (8,686 in 2004) than any other Rhode Island community.

Of the 48,736 Warwick residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.7 percent was unemployed.

**Percent Change in Population, 1990-2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>85,427</b>	<b>85,808</b>
Male	40,562	40,835
Female	44,865	44,973
16 years +	69,079	69,281
25 years +	59,572	61,244
65 years +	14,343	14,558
White	83,695	81,695
Black/African American	673	996
American Indian & Alaskan Native	183	213
Asian & Pacific Islander	713	1,296
Some other race	163	506
Two or more races	-	1,102
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	845	1,372

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>59,561</b>	<b>61,276</b>
< 9th grade	6.0%	3.5%
9th-12th, no diploma	16.1%	11.5%
High School Graduate	32.3%	32.1%
Some College, no degree	16.9%	20.0%
Associate Degree	7.3%	8.4%
Bachelor Degree	14.2%	16.6%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.1%	7.9%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$35,786</b>	<b>\$46,483</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>52,514</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	52,142	99.3%
Speak Spanish	91	0.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	192	0.4%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	45	0.1%
Speak Other Languages	44	0.1%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	2002	2004
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>46,478</b>	<b>47,623</b>
Construction	1,843	2,298
Manufacturing	5,560	4,694
Wholesale Trade	1,818	1,936
Retail Trade	8,624	8,686
Transportation & Warehousing	2,428	2,420
Information	673	541
Financial Activities	4,426	4,899
Professional & Technical Services	1,433	1,685
Administrative & Waste Services	2,714	2,804
Educational Services	746	839
Health Care & Social Assistance	7,489	7,689
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	490	542
Accommodation & Food Services	5,128	5,232
Other Services	1,698	1,725
All Other Employment	1,408	1,633

# Westerly

Westerly, a coastal community nestled along the southwestern border of Rhode Island and Connecticut, has been a favorite vacation spot for over a century. The New England-style town is home to Watch Hill and the picturesque Misquamicut Beach.

Westerly experienced a 6.3 percent growth in population during the 1990's. Between 1990 and 2000, the Town's total population increased to 22,966 residents. This growth also brought change to Westerly's racial diversity. Between 1990 and 2000, the community's Asian & Pacific Islander population more than doubled in size, adding 232 people, while the number of Hispanic/Latino residents increased by 50 percent.

In 2000, 31.4 percent of Westerly residents 25 years and older had a college degree, an increase over the 28.1 percent reported ten years earlier. An additional 20.3 percent of the local population reported the completion of some college-level courses.

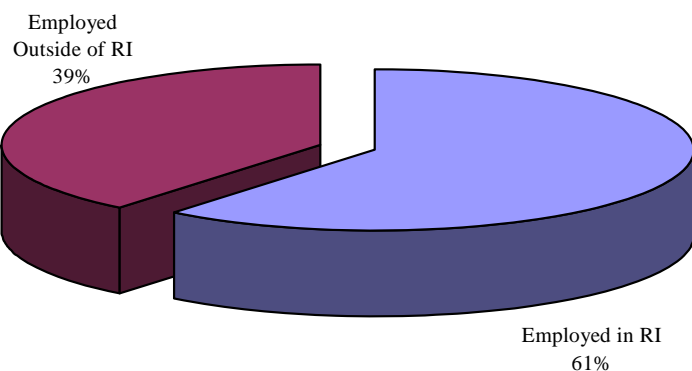
Due to Westerly's proximity to Connecticut, 39 percent of local workers traveled out of state for employment in 2000 -- the second highest rate of any community in Rhode Island.

Private sector businesses in Westerly added 528 jobs (+6.1%) to the local economy between 2002 and 2004. All Other Employment added 264 jobs, but approximately 200 of these jobs were the result of an industry code change derived through Department surveys. The Retail Trade (+218) and Construction (+100) sectors noted sizable employment gains during this three-year period.

The Financial Activities sector lost 212 jobs between 2002 and 2004, resulting in a loss of 32.4 percent of its workforce, the largest decline on a percentage basis. Health Care & Social Assistance lost 6.5 percent (-126) of its employment, while Accommodation & Food services lost a modest 23 jobs, a 1.7 percent decrease.

Of the 13,074 Westerly residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.2 percent was unemployed.

**Place of Employment, 2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>21,605</b>	<b>22,966</b>
Male	10,378	11,077
Female	11,227	11,889
16 years +	17,127	18,124
25 years +	14,461	15,958
65 years +	3,617	3,915
White	21,145	21,857
Black/African American	130	164
American Indian & Alaskan Native	79	130
Asian & Pacific Islander	225	457
Some other race	26	77
Two or more races	-	281
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	180	270
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>14,559</b>	<b>15,949</b>
< 9th grade	8.6%	5.8%
9th-12th, no diploma	15.7%	12.5%
High School Graduate	31.9%	30.0%
Some College, no degree	15.6%	20.3%
Associate Degree	7.7%	6.8%
Bachelor Degree	12.6%	15.0%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.9%	9.6%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$34,844</b>	<b>\$44,613</b>
<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>39.1%</b>
<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>13,698</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	13,477	98.4%
Speak Spanish	13	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	116	0.8%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	89	0.6%
Speak Other Languages	3	0.02%
<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>8,618</b>	<b>9,146</b>
Construction	349	449
Manufacturing	837	904
Wholesale Trade	58	59
Retail Trade	2,033	2,251
Transportation & Warehousing	47	51
Information	237	271
Financial Activities	654	442
Professional & Technical Services	189	210
Administrative & Waste Services	140	178
Educational Services	47	56
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,942	1,816
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	239	324
Accommodation & Food Services	1,375	1,352
Other Services	439	487
All Other Employment	32	296

# West Greenwich

Once serving as the Narragansett Indians favorite hunting grounds, West Greenwich is known today for its rural countryside lifestyle. Recent years have brought notable economic and population growth to the community.

Between 1990 and 2000, West Greenwich added nearly 1,600 people to its total population, a 45.6 percent increase. This growth represented the highest percentage gain in Rhode Island. By 2000, 5,085 people made West Greenwich their home.

Local educational attainment levels have showed improvement. The percent of West Greenwich residents without a high school diploma declined from 19.3 percent in 1990 to 8.5 percent in 2000. During this period, the share of residents with a bachelor degree increased to 19.8 percent, while 10.1 percent reported having an advanced degree. These were up from their 1990 levels of 15.5 percent and 5.8 percent, respectively.

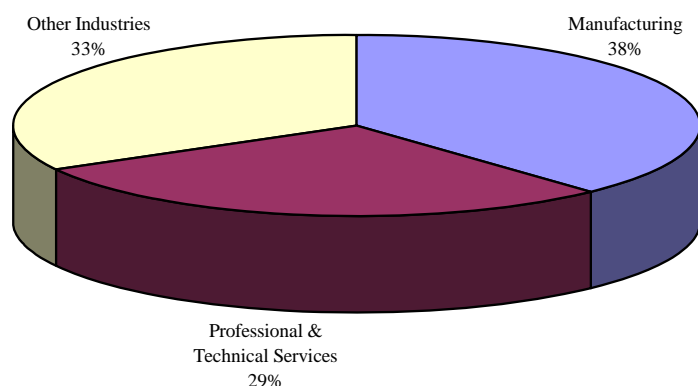
Sharing its western border with Connecticut, eight percent of West Greenwich workers were employed out of state in 2000 - the highest rate reported in Kent County. This represented a three percentage point increase over its 1990 level.

West Greenwich added 1,314 jobs (+51.6%) between 2002 and 2004, the second highest gain of its kind in Rhode Island and the largest gain on a percentage basis. The Manufacturing sector was responsible for the employment surge, adding 813 (+124.3%) workers. Administrative & Waste Services (+185) and Professional & Technical Services (+157) also reported sizable employment gains.

Three sectors posted minimal employment declines during this period - Wholesale Trade (-15), Financial Activities (-9), and Information (-1).

Of the 3,331 West Greenwich residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 4.7 percent was unemployed.

Private Sector Employment, 2004



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	1990	2000
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>5,085</b>
Male	1,773	2,548
Female	1,719	2,537
16 years +	2,686	3,816
25 years +	2,277	3,331
65 years +	308	359
White	3,449	4,968
Black/African American	11	14
American Indian & Alaskan Native	6	12
Asian & Pacific Islander	21	29
Some other race	5	12
Two or more races	-	50
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	13	35

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>3,341</b>
< 9th grade	5.8%	2.4%
9th-12th, no diploma	13.5%	6.0%
High School Graduate	32.5%	27.4%
Some College, no degree	18.9%	24.7%
Associate Degree	8.0%	9.5%
Bachelor Degree	15.5%	19.8%
Graduate/Professional Degree	5.8%	10.1%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$41,250</b>	<b>\$65,725</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	3,311	99.8%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	6	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>2,545</b>	<b>3,859</b>
Construction	129	211
Manufacturing	654	1,467
Wholesale Trade	238	223
Retail Trade	66	66
Transportation & Warehousing	159	182
Information	9	8
Financial Activities	43	34
Professional & Technical Services	959	1,116
Administrative & Waste Services	38	223
Educational Services	-	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	65	79
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	*	*
Accommodation & Food Services	157	183
Other Services	22	22
All Other Employment	*	6

# West Warwick

Founded less than 100 years ago, West Warwick is the state's youngest community. Once a thriving mill town, the community has entered a period of economic transformation in recent years, benefiting from its strategic location along the I-95 corridor.

West Warwick's total population remained relatively stagnant during the 1990's, adding just 313 residents (+1.1%). The share of White residents fell to 94 percent in 2000, partially resulting from gains in the Asian & Pacific Islander (+146), Black/African American (+93), and American Indian & Alaskan Native (+52) populations. Hispanic/Latino residents accounted for 3.1 percent of the local population by the end of this period.

Educational attainment in West Warwick showed some improvement between 1990 and 2000. Although 23.8 percent of residents 25 years and older did not have a high school diploma in 2000, this was down from 29.7 percent in 1990. College-educated residents increased slightly from 22 percent in 1990 to slightly more than 24 percent in 2000.

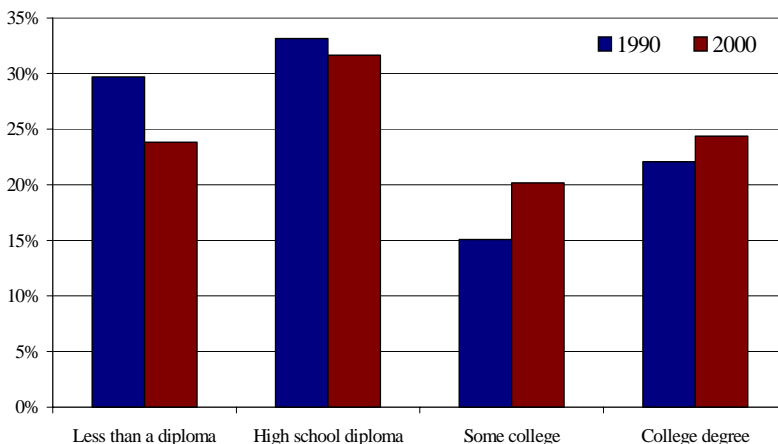
At \$39,505, West Warwick was one of nine communities to have a median household income value below the statewide median (\$42,090) in 1999.

Just 6.3 percent of local residents commuted out of state for employment in 2000, a slight increase from West Warwick's 1990 level of 5.5 percent.

West Warwick's private sector added 668 jobs (+8.5%) between 2002 and 2004, led by employment growth in the Financial Activities (+530) sector. Information (+262) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+79) firms also noted significant job gains. On the negative side, Manufacturing businesses shed 137 jobs (-7.2%), while Transportation & Warehousing lost 21.4 percent (-82) of its workforce and Other Services firms trimmed 44 jobs.

Of the 16,623 West Warwick residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.6 percent was unemployed.

**Percent Change in Population, 1990-2000**



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>29,268</b>	<b>29,581</b>
Male	14,059	14,230
Female	15,209	15,351
16 years +	23,416	23,704
25 years +	19,488	20,148
65 years +	4,101	4,165
White	28,579	27,740
Black/African American	235	328
American Indian & Alaskan Native	53	105
Asian & Pacific Islander	281	427
Some other race	120	425
Two or more races	-	556
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	542	918

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>19,498</b>	<b>20,106</b>
< 9th grade	11.2%	8.3%
9th-12th, no diploma	18.5%	15.6%
High School Graduate	33.2%	31.7%
Some College, no degree	15.1%	20.2%
Associate Degree	7.2%	7.7%
Bachelor Degree	10.9%	11.7%
Graduate/Professional Degree	3.9%	5.0%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$31,625</b>	<b>\$39,505</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>18,772</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	18,377	97.9%
Speak Spanish	164	0.9%
Speak Other Indo-European	188	1.0%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	43	0.2%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>8,482</b>
Construction	300	367
Manufacturing	1,912	1,775
Wholesale Trade	345	361
Retail Trade	1,314	1,283
Transportation & Warehousing	383	301
Information	557	819
Financial Activities	487	1,017
Professional & Technical Services	165	185
Administrative & Waste Services	218	187
Educational Services	69	59
Health Care & Social Assistance	707	786
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	60	62
Accommodation & Food Services	903	927
Other Services	390	346
All Other Employment	4	7

# Woonsocket

Woonsocket, a major center of textile manufacturing during the 19th century, has evolved into a service-based economy in recent years. The community serves as the headquarters of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and is home to the Museum of Work and Culture. Located within the Boston-Worcester-Providence triangle, Woonsocket is a convenient location for business and residence.

Woonsocket's total population declined by 653 people (-1.5%) during the 1990's. However, during this period, the local Black/African American community increased by 66 percent and the Asian & Pacific Islander population grew by 35 percent. In terms of ethnicity, the Hispanic/Latino population tripled in size, accounting for 9.3 percent of the local population in 2000.

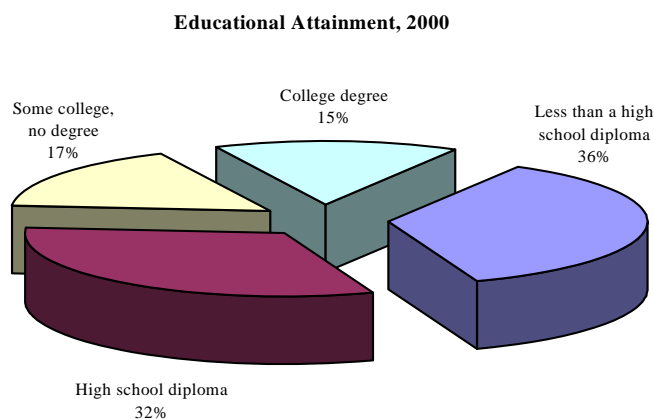
Local residents reported some improvement in their educational attainment levels during the 1990's. In 2000, 64 percent of the local population (25 years and older) had a high school diploma or greater, up from 56 percent in 1990. However, just 7 percent of residents had a bachelor degree and 3 percent an advanced degree in 2000.

At \$30,819, Woonsocket had the third lowest median household income in Rhode Island in 1999. The community's median household income increased by just 21 percent between 1989 and 1999, compared to 31 percent statewide.

In 2000, 35 percent of local residents were employed out of state, the third highest share measured in Rhode Island.

Woonsocket was one of eleven Ocean State communities to experience a decline in total private sector employment between 2002 and 2004. Local Manufacturing firms shed 500 jobs (-26.2%), while 172 Financial Activities jobs (-31.3%) were also cut. On a positive note, Administrative & Waste Services (+314) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+148) employment increased during this three-year period.

Of the 21,943 Woonsocket residents in the labor force in 2004, an average of 5.9 percent was unemployed.



## Demographic and Employment Statistics

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>43,877</b>	<b>43,224</b>
Male	20,647	20,622
Female	23,230	22,602
16 years +	34,424	33,181
25 years +	28,398	28,078
65 years +	7,124	6,589
White	40,939	35,935
Black/African American	1,158	1,920
American Indian & Alaskan Native	77	139
Asian & Pacific Islander	1,309	1,769
Some other race	394	2,102
Two or more races	-	1,359
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,156	4,030

<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
<b>Population (25+)</b>	<b>28,426</b>	<b>28,109</b>
< 9th grade	20.0%	13.7%
9th-12th, no diploma	23.8%	22.3%
High School Graduate	30.1%	32.0%
Some College, no degree	11.4%	16.7%
Associate Degree	5.5%	5.1%
Bachelor Degree	6.2%	7.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	2.9%	3.1%

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$25,363</b>	<b>\$30,819</b>
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<b>% Employed Outside of RI</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>35.1%</b>
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<b>Language Spoken at Home, 2000</b>		
<b>Population (18-64)</b>	<b>25,501</b>	<b>100%</b>
Speak English	24,238	95.0%
Speak Spanish	613	2.4%
Speak Other Indo-European	214	0.8%
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander	368	1.4%
Speak Other Languages	68	0.3%

<b>Employment Statistics</b>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Total, Private Sector</b>	<b>13,254</b>	<b>13,238</b>
Construction	272	350
Manufacturing	1,908	1,408
Wholesale Trade	369	275
Retail Trade	2,074	2,034
Transportation & Warehousing	741	810
Information	55	58
Financial Activities	549	377
Professional & Technical Services	214	228
Administrative & Waste Services	246	560
Educational Services	345	367
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,124	3,272
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	89	64
Accommodation & Food Services	1,132	1,146
Other Services	550	570
All Other Employment	1,586	1,719

**Change in Private Sector Employment throughout Rhode Island for Selected Industries, 2002-2004**

	<b>Total</b>	Construct.	Manufact.	Retail Trade	Financial Activities	Professional & Tech. Svcs.	Admin. & Waste Svcs.	Health Care & Social Assist.	Accommod. & Food Svcs.	Other Services
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>8,130</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>-5,305</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>3,369</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>607</b>
Barrington	120	11	10	-48	54	3	-12	16	64	9
Bristol	394	59	-101	59	-28	63	17	58	72	31
Burrillville	-1	-7	-50	4	24	5	-4	-39	83	26
Central Falls	-292	9	-321	-49	41	-7	142	-56	-22	-37
Charlestown	172	46	55	25	5	8	31	8	23	-31
Coventry	448	126	-126	77	-27	56	65	-3	182	24
Cranston	1,415	89	-827	264	510	-35	76	199	194	-21
Cumberland	431	22	19	30	88	29	-14	166	72	38
East Greenwich	589	-12	-235	23	-2	-23	11	630	32	2
East Providence	-854	95	-531	30	237	-244	-180	-277	148	-7
Exeter	120	25	1	17	3	15	8	15	36	14
Foster	-43	16	-7	-15	N/A	-2	-8	-2	-9	-3
Glocester	101	13	2	7	5	6	28	11	46	5
Hopkinton	-28	9	-10	1	-7	-4	-21	-1	-26	35
Jamestown	-19	23	N/A	-26	42	0	-3	-21	-63	3
Johnston	487	-144	-327	142	261	93	514	113	69	12
Lincoln	904	287	295	-226	-36	66	23	249	73	24
Little Compton	24	16	-5	-4	30	-4	-8	N/A	-10	10
Middletown	813	129	-122	30	4	222	102	164	172	-20
Narragansett	-44	13	-11	-27	25	-22	-38	24	8	28
New Shoreham	29	5	N/A	15	N/A	-6	0	N/A	-9	8
Newport	15	84	-22	31	140	70	-104	-48	-128	127
North Kingstown	625	15	258	-269	149	37	200	67	-74	119
North Providence	-70	-43	-108	-3	41	8	-158	125	60	20
North Smithfield	22	39	-6	-55	-4	38	-2	-74	22	43
Pawtucket	-425	-10	-967	-109	149	15	275	-28	234	84
Portsmouth	23	-221	128	-15	6	3	35	6	87	22
Providence	-247	-148	-1,656	-274	-575	114	263	1,472	308	-115
Richmond	38	19	11	-43	6	4	15	34	-15	11
Scituate	145	19	-25	87	20	20	48	-64	5	11
Smithfield	952	31	-107	449	-2	46	80	110	172	65
South Kingstown	731	69	-80	140	83	-37	34	141	87	42
Tiverton	107	30	3	-9	1	20	9	-12	30	4
Warren	447	24	52	-49	110	5	38	15	5	-3
Warwick	1,145	455	-866	62	473	252	90	200	104	27
West Greenwich	1,314	82	813	0	-9	157	185	14	26	0
West Warwick	668	67	-137	-31	530	20	-31	79	24	-44
Westerly	528	100	67	218	-212	21	38	-126	-23	48
Woonsocket	-16	78	-500	-40	-172	14	314	148	14	20



#### Data Sources

- ◆ Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training, Labor Market Information Unit ([www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/](http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/))
- ◆ United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov))

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- ◆ City/town introductions were compiled from information published on the RI Economic Development Corporation website ([www.riedc.com](http://www.riedc.com)) and local community homepages.
- ◆ The “All Other Employment” category includes the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; Utilities; and Management of Companies & Enterprises industry sectors.
- ◆ Median household income values are for 1989 and 1999, and have not been adjusted to current dollars.
- ◆ Educational Attainment data refers to the number/percent of people 25 years and older.
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